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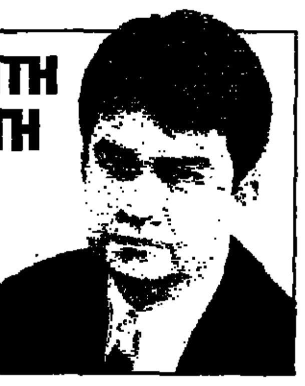

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Protests force BBC to shelve changes

By Raymond Snoddy and Carol Midgley

THE BBC backed down yesterday over proposed changes to television and radio news after a wave of protest from key presenters and editors.

Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, intervened to suspend the moves as Tony Hall, the BBC's chief executive of news, admitted that neither the governors nor John Birt, the Director-General, had been fully appraised of the detail of the changes before they were announced. The governors were understood to have been taken aback by them.

Mr Birt indicated that he was unwilling to get involved in a dispute with presenters such as John Humphrys and James Naughtie and editors whom he "greatly valued". He said: "I accept they are not happy and there is a need to pause and discuss the proposals we have put forward."

In a further climbdown, Mr Hall said that he was willing to restore the title of editor to the present editors of flagship programmes such as *Today* and *The World at One*. Previously it had been announced that all BBC news programmes on radio and television would lose their individual editors and be managed wholesale by a team of five "super-editors".

The reforms will be reviewed by the governors next month to ensure that they will "not detract from the quality, programme identity and editorial values of BBC News". Many staff said they regarded this as a face-saving exercise for the top management and that the reforms would be quietly dropped. Mr Hall said he would not resign.

The stay of execution was agreed at a heated meeting yesterday morning between Sir Christopher, Mr Birt and Mr Hall, who devised the changes. Mr Birt said: "We have got to pause and explain to people what Tony Hall and his colleagues have in mind." He agreed that he did not know about the detailed proposals announced to BBC journalists this week, "nor would I want to".

His job was to set up the strategy, not get involved in detailed implementation: but the pause, Mr Birt acknowledged, was "a recognition that the arrangements have been very controversial with some people I greatly value, presenters and editors. I accept they are not happy and there is a need to pause and discuss the proposals we have put forward. There have been masses of misunderstandings."

Yesterday staff were celebrating, but one producer said that the pressure should be kept up. "We have only won a battle so far, not the war," he said. "But they have backed down in the face of unanimous staff hostility. Tony Hall and his friends have egg of their faces."

Sir Christopher said that he believed the changes were designed to get the best out of the resources devoted to BBC news and current affairs, but added: "We need to take more time to consider certain elements of the changes, to explain them further and to make absolutely certain that they will enhance, and not detract from, the quality, programme identity, and editorial values of BBC News."

Earlier, Mr Hall defended the proposals, saying that the revamp would not result in any lowering of quality in the corporation's news output, as the protesters feared, but would improve effectiveness.

Leading presenters, including Anna Ford, Mr Humphrys, Mr Naughtie and Sue McGregor, have signed a letter protesting at the changes, which Jeremy Paxman, the *Newsnight* presenter, said would reduce news production to a "sausage factory". The editors of *Today*, *The World at One* and *Newsnight* effectively put their jobs on the line by refusing to apply for the new "super-editor" posts being set up.

Opponents of the changes say that the proposed "super-editors" will destroy the distinctive character of individual programmes and impose a bland uniformity on news programming.

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Ford: signed letter attacking proposals

ROBIN MAYES

Happy landing: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, meets children dressed as monks at Ash, Kent, yesterday as he re-enacted the arrival of St Augustine in 597

A low-key welcome on the hillside

By Stephen Farrell

THE ISOLATED former Benedictine monastery doubling as Wales's smallest polling station yesterday reported a low turnout in the devolution referendum.

Stanley Knill, 64, opens his home to 22 electors at Capel-y-ffin, in the Black Mountains near Hay-on-Wye but reported a lower level of interest than in other elections during his 12 years there.

"I haven't seen the usual faces. We normally get 70 to 80 per cent turnout here but we have had only ten people," he said last night.

He freely admits to voting in favour of devolution but said few were interested in the issue.

"There's been very little talk about it here. I was the first to vote and the next lot came up on horseback. I don't expect to see the others."

But both "yes" and "no" camps in Cardiff were last night predicting a higher turnout than expected thanks to the September sunshine.

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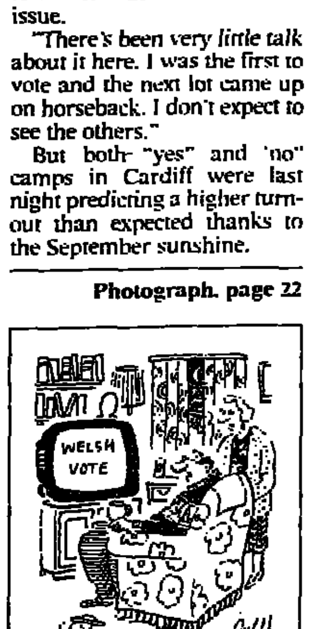

"I've no idea what's going on. I've forgotten what 'yes' and 'no' are in Welsh"

British exodus after Egypt terror attack

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

HUNDREDS of British tourists were evacuated last night from Cairo as the city was unofficially declared a no-go area for foreign holidaymakers after suspected Muslim militants attacked a tourist bus, killing ten people.

Egyptian security sources said all who died were inside the bus parked near the Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square, home of the world's greatest collection of Pharaonic artefacts, including the 3,300-year-old golden treasures of Tutankhamun.

Police said that 19 other Egyptians and tourists were wounded in the gun and bomb attack, which gutted the tourist bus. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but security sources said police arrested three suspected militants and were hunting for two more. "The whole place was in panic," said Stephen Thomas, a British tourist who was in the museum with his wife and two children.

Package tour groups visiting the Egyptian capital were being contacted by most of the leading companies and taken by bus to their Nile cruise ships or Luxor. Cairo is not a main destination for British package holidaymakers, most of whom take cruises along the Nile or stay in Luxor, making occasional day trips to Cairo's museums. But, with an opera festival starting next week, hotels in Luxor and Cairo are full, though the peak season does not begin until October.

Thomson said that it would "evacuate" nearly 100 clients from Cairo and had temporarily cancelled cruise tours to the city from Cyprus and the Red Sea. Thomas Cook said it had almost 200 clients in Egypt and British Airways Holidays more than 100.

About 320,000 Britons visit Egypt each year, mainly in the winter season. The country has been proving increasingly popular, with a big growth in Nile cruises. In 1992, 15,000 British holidaymakers took a cruise but by last year this had jumped to 70,000. With thousands of tourists due to fly to Egypt in the next few weeks, tour operators were last night ringing each of them to ask if they wished to continue, take another holiday or cancel.

"We are keeping in close touch with the Foreign Office and will then be offering customers the option of cancelling if they wish," said Alan Flook, chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators. "We are certainly not going to be back in Cairo tomorrow."

The Association of British Tour Operators said travel agents were liaising with the Foreign Office.

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Churchill's 'shabby' grave is rescued

By Damian Whitworth

THE humble grave of Sir Winston Churchill and the quiet English churchyard where he is buried are to receive a £350,000 refurbishment after more than three decades of tourists have left the spot looking "shabby and unloved."

Winston Churchill, the former MP and grandson of Britain's wartime leader, is using some of the £12.5 million he received from the sale of the Churchill archive to lead a family rescue of the churchyard at Bladon, Oxfordshire. A section of the churchyard, near the Blenheim estate where Sir Winston was born, will be closed for six months.

Sir Winston, who died in 1965, had specified that he wanted to be buried in the place that he had known from childhood. He shares a grave with Lady Churchill who died in 1977 and they lie beneath an inconspicuous slab of portland stone.

It is estimated that around 350,000 tourists visit the site every year, or one pilgrim for every pound that will be spent.

Mr Churchill said: "The ground slopes and there is subsidence. Slowly, but perceptibly, the graves are sliding down the hill. There are particular problems when two or three busloads arrive simultaneously. There is just this very narrow path so they spill off and trample over the graves. When the weather is wet the whole area looks shabby and unloved."

The architect William Bertram said that his design had intended to provide access while preserving the traditional churchyard. A concrete path will be torn up and a wider walkway, of York stone, will run around the perimeter. A chain fence will discourage vistors from crossing the graves and benches will be provided.

Sir Winston's tombstone will be replaced and set on a raised step.

Getting the picture, page 5

Ink thrown at Hindley picture

Ink and eggs were hurled at the controversial portrait of Myra Hindley at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, yesterday by two men, apparently acting independently of each other.

One of them smuggled in the ink in two 35mm film canisters. The damage was serious enough for the painting to be withdrawn and it is not expected to be back on show for several days.

Both men, one an artist, were arrested for causing criminal damage........ Page 9

Pollution linked to macho ads

The motor industry was attacked over links between pollution and the macho culture of high-performance cars. The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said technology could deliver cars 40 per cent more fuel efficient and less damaging to the environment.

A commission report decried the advertising of cars which put engine size, luxury and acceleration over protecting public health........ Page 8

Curtains for the council chamber oglers

By Daniel McGrory

SO MANY male members of a Yorkshire council were distracted during meetings by the legs of their female colleagues that a councillor insisted that desks should be fitted with "modesty" curtains.

East Riding council has spent £645 on the cover-up after Dave Ireland, a Liberal Democrat, complained that many of his colleagues spent their time voting on who had the best legs rather than council business.

"I think it's extremely distracting for male councillors with reasonable levels of testosterone to sit there, especially if you have legs like one or two of the councillors do," Mr Ireland said. "Men are men but we have to concentrate on the business. I brought the matter up because the female members shouldn't have to go to a meeting and worry about the way they are sitting."

His party leader, Bob Tress, said: "I'm sure that Councillor Ireland, who is a very decent and gallant man, is not suggesting that he is surrounded by dirty old men."

Yesterday 15 councillors were sitting around the offending tables in the Humberside Room for a planning committee. Each table had beige curtains reaching to the floor.

Mr Tress said: "I can't understand the fuss because unless you are fastening your shoelace you cannot see much beyond a lady's knee," adding that he had never put this to the test.

One woman official said: "There are 21 women on a council of 67 and the average age is 48 so they are hardly the Spice Girls driving these foolish old men to distraction."

Liberal Democrat Colleen Gill, known for her daring choice of mini skirts, thought someone was pulling her leg when told about the modesty curtains. "I like to show my legs off and distract other councillors from political arguments. I think that if you have got a good figure you should it off. I am proud of my legs and do not want them covered up."

The Tory Group were more concerned about the cost. Professor Arthur Pollard, the Conservative group secretary said: "Obviously one sees the legs, but if you are attending to council business you look across at their faces, not their legs, whether they are men or women."

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TV series 'proves IRA link with Sinn Fein'

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

A BBC documentary is likely to fuel an increasingly vitriolic feud between Ulster unionism's two main parties today by claiming to establish beyond doubt that Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, and Martin McGuinness were key members of the IRA.

Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party is likely to use the documentary to redouble its condemnation of the Ulster Unionist Party's decision this week to engage Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness, Sinn Fein's main negotiator, at the Stormont multiparty talks.

The programme is also likely to undermine Mr Adams's attempts to explain away the IRA's disavowal of the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence last week by claiming that Sinn Fein and the IRA are separate organisations. A plenary session of the talks next Tuesday is to consider a formal UUP demand for Sinn Fein's expulsion because that disavowal came just two days after Mr Adams had committed his party to those principles.

The BBC is this morning offering a media preview of the first programme in a four-part series entitled *The Provos: The IRA and Sinn Fein*, to be broadcast nationwide on BBC1 beginning next Tuesday. The programme is understood to include interviews with former IRA terrorists who confirm that Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness, now MPs, were key members of the IRA in the 1970s and 1980s.

The presenter, Peter Taylor, a veteran chronicler of the Troubles, is believed to have found an interview in which a youthful Mr McGuinness explains his role in the "defence" of the Catholic Bogside during the early riots in Londonderry.

The programme will also disclose details of secret communications between past governments and Sinn Fein.

The feud between the UUP, and the DUP which is boycotting the talks, has escalated since David Trimble led his party back to Stormont. Mr Paisley and his deputy, Peter Robinson, have accused Mr Trimble of joining terrorists in one-sided negotiations designed to destroy the Union.

Mr Trimble and other UUP MPs have accused the DUP of running away from Sinn Fein, saying: "Those that walk out leave the Union undefended."

Some officials believe that the DUP will eventually find a way to re-enter the talks process, if only because staying out is a big gamble. If the talks collapse and the IRA returns to violence the DUP will be vindicated and the UUP discredited. However, if they succeed, the DUP will be marginalised.

Adams and McGuinness: accused in documentary

Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News. It was rumoured that he offered to cut twice as much as asked for

BBC changes led by 'head boy' who dances to John Birt's tune

By Carol Midgley
Media Correspondent

MAN IN THE NEWS

TONY HALL, the bespectacled chief executive of BBC News, is described by colleagues as "a fully paid-up member of the John Birt fan club". Nicknamed "Head Boy" because of his academic looks and Oxford education, he has spent virtually his whole working life with the BBC, starting as a trainee in the Belfast newsroom in the 1970s.

He is one of the most powerful men in the corporation, in overall charge of the world's biggest news organisation employing 2,000 journalists, 42 foreign bureaux and 12 channels across television, radio and new media. His interest in economic organisation was founded at Keble College, Oxford; he went on to write two books — on the history of the miners and on nuclear power — and colleagues say he has a formidable intellect and determination.

However, feeling against him has grown with a rumour that when Mr Birt, the Director-General, asked for 15 per cent cuts in news, Mr Hall offered him 30 per cent — to Mr Birt's delight. It was Mr Hall, 46, who instructed senior management how to implement the changes which have caused mutiny among the staff. Even he, who was responsible for merging the news and current affairs departments of television, radio and foreign in 1987, was yesterday said to be taken aback by the ferocity of the resistance.

Richard Clemmow, the BBC's mild-mannered head of news programmes, was reportedly "white with shock" when staff met the proposals with a volley of protest on Wednesday.

Staff say they recognised the hand of McKinsey, the management consultancy which has a £10 million contract with the BBC to formulate its new strategies, in the "super editor" structure. BBC staff refer to McKinsey operatives as The Firm.

"They are John Birt's personal police force," one said. "They suggest things in theory but do not get involved in the messy implementation. But John Birt swears by them and if an executive wants to get his measures through he will hire McKinsey to do it. They are clinical, methodical strategists."

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Smith warns BBC of public remit

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

PUBLIC-SERVICE broadcasters have to be more accountable to the public and continue to produce distinctive programmes if they want to thrive, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport said yesterday.

The warning from Chris Smith was given at the biennial Royal Television Society convention at Cambridge on the day that the BBC backed down on plans to restructure its news organisation without any obvious public consultation. "If public-service broadcasters are to continue to thrive, they must be seen to adhere to their public-service remit and to demonstrate their accountability to the public and to democratic bodies," Mr Smith said.

He welcomed recent BBC proposals on accountability but added: "I hope that further progress can be made." He also made it clear that he intended to set out what was expected of Channel 4. He proposed "recasting the Channel 4 remit positively, rather than simply defining it — as at present — as what Channel 3 is not."

In the digital age of multichannel television, public-service broadcasters would be as important as ever. "However, it needs to be something distinctive and special with corresponding distinctive regulatory arrangements," Mr Smith said. In addition, it was clear that the arrangements for regulating media competition needed to be reconsidered as part of an overall re-examination.

Mr Smith argued that he wanted digital television to succeed on all delivery platforms to ensure universal access to current public-service channels but added: "I want that access as soon as possible ... so as to end the current wasteful use of valuable radio spectrum for analogue terrestrial broadcasting."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Professor Harris

University offers to be based on results

Students will be offered degree places on the basis of A-level results, rather than often inaccurate predictions by schools, as part of a new deal promised by vice-chancellors yesterday to justify the introduction of tuition fees.

The post-qualifications applications system was one of a number of developments agreed at the vice-chancellors' annual conference, in response to Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education.

Professor Martin Harris, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, appealed to the Government to keep its side of the fees bargain by ensuring that the money raised went to higher education.

Lottery learners

Lottery grants of £100 million were announced for learning and training projects. Recipients include a community group that provides classes for expelled pupils, a network of after-school clubs, an educational centre for migrants and refugees, and a club that provides intensive tutoring for children who have difficulty reading.

Murder charge

A 46-year-old man was last night charged with the murder of Rachel Barraclough, 18, who was found dead with multiple stab wounds on wasteland in Wakefield. Rachel went missing after leaving her home in Bradford on September 5 to meet friends. The man is due to appear before Wakefield magistrates today.

Care inquiry

Merseyside Police are investigating reports that a care worker with a history of mental health problems had jobs in at least three homes where young, disabled people died unexpectedly. The National Register for Carers reported the man after becoming suspicious about his movements from one home to another.

Ringing justice

Midge Mather, 65, was given a conditional discharge at Chippenham magistrates' court yesterday after being found guilty of causing criminal damage by cutting the bell ropes in her local church in Compton Bassett, Wiltshire. She said the church had ignored her frequent complaints about the noise of bell-ringing.

Smear apology

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, which incorrectly gave a Chris Gough the all clear after a smear test, wrote recalling her for further checks 15 months after she died of cervical cancer. The hospital has apologised to her husband Glyn for any distress caused, an inquiry into the blunder, which involved 700 tests, heard.

Butler seeks to stem press officers' unease

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

SIR Robin Butler is seeking to raise the morale of the Government's information officers after suggestions from ministers that the Civil Service press machine compares unfavourably with the slick operation provided by Labour spin doctors.

The Cabinet Secretary has set up a committee to look into the work of the Government Information Service and asked Alastair Campbell, the Downing Street Press Secretary, to take part. Last week *The Times* reported that there was unease in the ranks of Whitehall Press Officers after four senior information officers were moved from their posts and others believed they were threatened. The working party will be chaired by Robin Mountfield, Permanent Secretary at the Office of Public Service inside the Cabinet Office.

In a letter to all Permanent Secretaries, Sir Robin says that he has asked the group to find out what ministers want from their information divisions "and how we can ensure that it is provided". Sir Robin also raises the possibility of further staff moves and has asked mandarins to discuss the position with ministers.

Sir Robin's letter to colleagues accepts that there are still teething troubles between ministers and officials, but explains: "We are still in a transitional period, during which the new Government and the Civil Service are learning about each other. Misunderstandings and miscommunication are the bane of such times."

Mike Grannat, head of the Government Information Service has circulated a morale-boosting letter to all government press officers setting out areas for change but stating unequivocally: "We are not facing a takeover by political advisers."

The needs to provide a different public relations service for the Government will be the main topic at a conference for senior press officers in York at the end of the month. Mr Grannat makes clear, however, that ministers have no intention of criticising the Information Service and that Tony Blair updated guidelines for ministers on their conduct in office to ensure they knew the proprieties.

Complaints or unhappiness from ministers have been more to do with personality clashes, or a belief that the government PR machine could be sharper. Mr Grannat has discussed the low morale in the GIS with Sir Robin and Peter Mandelson, the minister charged with government presentation. He told colleagues in his letter that his first priority was for their welfare and morale and praised them for doing a difficult job "with skill, dedication and loyalty".

Mr Grannat reveals that he has told ministers that some tactics deployed by the Labour Party spin doctors would not be used by civil servants. "When pressed, I made it clear that I do not consider it is the job of civil servants to chase broadcasters about minute twists and turns of coverage, or to nag them over how many seconds each protagonist enjoys on air. That has more to do with party political emphasis than governmental work."

I was victim, says suspended MP

By Shirley English

TOMMY GRAHAM, the suspended Labour MP named in the suicide note of Gordon McMaster, defied party instructions and broke his long silence yesterday to claim that he was the victim of a smear campaign. Mr Graham, who was suspended by the party last month pending investigations into Mr McMaster's death, denied spreading rumours about the late Paisley South MP and instead accused other unnamed politicians of attempting to turn Mr McMaster against him.

Ignoring party instructions to keep quiet until the inquiry into sleaze in Paisley was completed, Mr Graham insisted that he had had a "fabulous relationship" with Mr McMaster. He backed it up by saying that they had become "pals" as boys and only last year had enjoyed "a great night out" together at a Rangers football match.

He said the past eight weeks had been "hell" for himself, his wife and two sons and they all felt deeply sorry for Mr McMaster's family.

His remarks contrasted sharply with statements made in early August, just weeks after the suicide, in which he claimed that Mr McMaster was "ill with the booze" and said that the former MP had once confronted him and accused him of spreading rumours that he was "a poof".

The remarks were quickly dismissed yesterday as a "bleeding heart story" by sources close to Mr McMaster, who was found dead in his car in July. "He wants people to feel sorry for him. Frankly, that does not cut much ice."

Graham: defied party instructions on silence

The source added that the football match Mr Graham was supposed to have attended with Mr McMaster last year, was watched by a number of invited MPs in a hospitality box at Ibrox.

"A number of MPs were invited to watch the game. Gordon was not there with Tommy Graham, in the way Tommy Graham wants people to think. He was there with a number of MPs."

In his interview yesterday in *The Scotsman*, Mr Graham also claimed that he had contacted the party's Walworth Road headquarters three weeks before the MP's suicide to complain about the selection procedure in his own Renfrewshire West constituency, which together with both Paisley seats is currently under investigation by the party.

Yesterday a Labour spokesman described Mr Graham's outburst as "unhelpful". He added: "It was made clear to him that it would be sensible not to speak to the press while the inquiry is going on."

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GP helped Lady Warnock's husband die

Medical ethics adviser reveals how she turned for help to doctor who backs euthanasia. **Joanna Bale** reports

BARONESS WARNOCK, a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisory group on medical ethics, revealed yesterday how her husband was helped to die by a doctor who advocates euthanasia for terminally ill patients.

In a show of support for Dr Nick Maurice, a Wiltshire GP who created controversy last week by admitting that he practises euthanasia on terminally ill patients, Lady Warnock reavealed how her husband's life was deliberately brought to a peaceful and dignified end 18 months ago.

Although Dr Maurice has attracted criticism, he is not said to be breaking the law and is not being investigated by the police or any medical authorities.

Lady Warnock, whose elderly husband Sir Geoffrey Warnock, a former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, died of a rare lung disease, said: "Dr Nick treated my husband when he was dying of a lung condition that was incurable and extremely painful. There were no arguments used. Dr Nick was just so deeply involved. We just trusted one another."

She and their five adult children knew what the doctor was going to do, she said.

"We all knew my husband was going to die and Nick told me he was going to make him better. When he said that we all knew what this meant — end his suffering and end his life.

"Nick changed the medication and probably gave him more morphine, thus ending his life two weeks before he would have died. During the last years he lived a horrible life. He was not in agony but he could not breathe properly and was always in fear of suffocating.

"Nick and I never had a conversation about my husband's wishes, but Geoffrey did say to him he wanted it all to end. Nick's intentions were to make his last days altogether more comfortable by giving him more morphine. It was what my husband wanted.

"The sad thing was there was nothing wrong with my husband's mind while he went through this. He would lie there but know exactly what was wrong.

"Geoffrey died with dignity and if he had not had his medication changed he would probably have only lived for another fortnight."

Lady Warnock: "It was what my husband wanted"
Dr Nick Maurice: "Every other GP is doing it"

Lady Warnock said her views had been strengthened by talking to doctors while serving on the recent House of Lords select committee on euthanasia. "I talked to lots of doctors who said they gave more drugs to help end their patients' suffering. It's something that doesn't really need to be explicitly talked about.

"I don't feel the law should be changed because it would be so hard to define in legislation how it should be carried out. Doctors already do this themselves and it works well."

Dr Maurice, who has been the Warnocks' GP for six years, caused the controversy last week when an article he wrote condoning euthanasia in his practice newsletter was picked up by national newspapers. He confessed to having induced a "quiet and easy death" for two patients in the previous three months for which their relatives had been "grateful".

He also invited his patients to fill in living wills, known as Advanced Directives, in which they can specify that if they were to become terminally ill, painkillers should be used if necessary, even though they may shorten life. He also argued that patients would suffer if laws were introduced governing euthanasia.

Lady Warnock, a former fellow and tutor in philosophy at Oxford University, wrote a personal letter of support to Dr Maurice. She went on: "I absolutely agree with what both Dr Nick is doing and what he has said about not changing the law. It was the conclusion of a House of Lords select committee on euthanasia."

Dr Maurice said yesterday that he had not received any complaints from his patients about the availability of living wills at his busy surgery in Marlborough where seven other doctors practise. He said: "We introduced them six months ago because people have increasingly begun to ask for them. Each doctor in the practice has them to give to patients."

Dr Maurice went on: "I am doing what every other GP in the country is doing but because I was prepared to raise my head above the parapet it has provoked this debate.

"I have given sufficient quantities of morphine to ensure that the physical and mental suffering of the patient, and the relative also, has been kept to a minimum. It would be true to say that in a small proportion of patients who have been in intense and sudden pain, or who are in great distress and may require very large doses of morphine, that this may hasten their death.

"These are terminally ill patients with only a few days left. In the vast majority of cases the pain relief lengthens their lives."

A General Medical Council spokesman said: "We are not investigating this matter."

Among those to back Dr Maurice is Dr James Flood, a GP in Devizes, Wiltshire. He said a clear distinction had to be made between illegal euthanasia, when a doctor helps a patient to commit suicide, and the easing of pain among the terminally ill.

"There is a huge medical and ethical difference and there is a great danger of confusion. Dr Maurice is talking good medical sense about the care of his patients."

Victory for high-flyer who put family first

Record company executive quit life of travel to see his daughter grow up. **Stephen Farrell** sees him celebrate

A RECORD company executive had a stark choice between seeing more of the world and seeing his baby daughter grow up. James Whyte put his family first and quit his jet-setting job.

Yesterday an industrial tribunal in London supported his stand by awarding him £9,020 compensation for constructive dismissal, over the way that the record company EMI had suddenly increased the amount of time he was expected to spend away from home from 40 per cent to 75 per cent of his work.

Employment lawyers forecast last night that the ruling would mark a new emphasis on family values. Mr Whyte, 32, who now works as a management consultant, said: "People aren't scared to put their family first any more. All the people slightly older than me in the business had said that if they had one regret, it was that they didn't see their own children grow up." His daughter, Emma, is 18 months. His wife, Jo, 31, who had to work while her husband was unemployed, said: "It was absolutely terrifying when he walked home and said he hadn't got a salary any more.

"It was the right thing to do. He's a devoted family man and I wouldn't have expected him to do anything different, but he did shed a few tears over losing his company BMW."

Mr Whyte, a £40,000 information technology audit executive from Battersea, South London, told the tribunal he flew to San Francisco, Tokyo, and all over Europe in his two years with EMI, which owns Virgin Records. He said that, when he joined in 1995, he was told he would be expected to travel only 40 per cent of the time.

In March 1997, while working on EMI's complex artist royalty system in New York, he was presented with the 75 per cent requirement as a "fait accompli", he said. He refused out of "frustration and anger", and quit in April.

He said: "It was an enormous issue for me. Why would I be willing to accept the 75 per cent requirement? I had a young family.

"There had been no notice for me to raise my objections. I was required to start in New York in a week and a half's time. I wanted to protect my position. I was a little guy up against an enormous company."

EMI said that he was advised of the change a month before, and accused him of failing to follow established grievance procedures. However, Mr Whyte insisted he had simply tried to resolve the situation as best he could and blamed the company's intransigence. He said that the company had wanted him to travel to San Francisco the day his wife was due to give birth.

The tribunal took just 15 minutes to decide that Mr Whyte had been constructively dismissed. The chairman, John Metcalf, said that "some people might regard 40 per cent travel or even more as an advantage". Nevertheless, the tribunal bench ruled: "We find it to be a fundamental term in his contract that foreign travel was up to no more than 40 per cent. The requirement of a commitment to 75 per cent was clearly a breach of that fundamental term."

The tribunal also found no business need for Mr Whyte to travel 75 per cent of the time: "Even if there had been, the reasonableness requirement would not have been met by the attitude shown and actions taken by the employer."

After the case, Mr Whyte said: "I was going to miss my lovely BMW 3-series coupe, the £300-a-year private health insurance and free CDs every month. But if I didn't do it I would never have seen my daughter starting to crawl, walk and recognise me as daddy.

"It is part of common sense and human decency. Seeing your children grow up only happens once."

FIRMS CHECK SMALLPRINT ON TRAVEL COSTS

EXPERTS predict that the case will send company lawyers hurrying to check senior staff's contracts. Janet Gaymer, head of employment law at the solicitors Simmons & Simmons, said: "The moral for employers is to get it right at the beginning, by putting a provision in the contract that is flexible. It might be symptomatic of a new era. The Government has emphasised its desire to promote family responsibilities, such as the right to family life in the Convention on Human Rights."

Jane Mann, employment law partner at Fox Williams, said: "The multinationals will all take notice of it. Their response will be now to be very specific about the amount of time spent travelling on business in the contract."

Tony Hughes, managing director of P&O Travel, and chairman of the Guild of Business Travel Agents, said that businesses spent £5 billion on rail and air travel last year. Fares ranged from £50 supersaver train tickets to £6,768 Concorde return tickets to New York, or even £2,000 an hour for chartered Gulfstream jets. The most frequent travellers are senior executives, engineers, sales staff, finance and IT specialists and auditors. Some firms fly senior executives as far as Sydney for one-day stays.

JEFF MOORE

James Whyte and his wife, Jo. She said: "He shed a few tears over his BMW"

Age fear led perm tycoon to take his life

By Michael Horsnell

A MEMBER of the hairdressing dynasty that helped to develop the ladies' "perm" has killed himself, fearing the onset of old age and Alzheimer's disease.

Charles Kropacsy checked into an hotel near the M4 and suffocated himself on his 83rd birthday, an inquest in Devizes, Wiltshire, was told yesterday. Mr Kropacsy, whose family is of Hungarian origin, was said to have been terrified of losing his mind or becoming wheelchair bound and a burden on his family.

A detailed suicide note addressed to the coroner was left on the bedside table by Mr Kropascsy, who was in perfect health. His son William, 49, told the inquest: "He never held back the fact that he would take his own life if he thought it was the right time.

"His father had been confined to a wheelchair and his mother had Alzheimer's."

Mr Kropacsy, of Lymington, Hampshire, was responsible for several advances in hair care before retiring from London to the New Forest in the 1960s. He was said to be deeply upset by the death of his wife, Jean, 83, last year.

Mr Kropacsy had two other sons, Nicholas, 51, an airline pilot, and Christopher, 53, a civil engineer.

The modern process of permanent waving of the hair was conceived by Charles Nestle who announced a demonstration in Oxford Street, London, in the *Hairdressers' Journal* in 1906 "to withstand water, shampoo and all atmospheric influences".

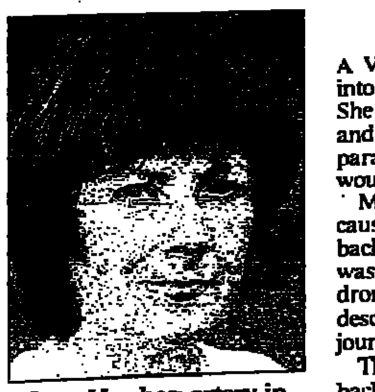
In 1909 Nestle took out a patent on an electrical heater, a contribution to the invention having been made by Mr Kropacsy's father, also Charles, who went on to develop the process with others, including Eugene Suter.

Nicholas Kropacsy said: "My grandfather Charles was involved in creating the Eugene Permanant Wave in the 1930s. My own father helped him with his work and carried on when my grandfather left the business."

The Kropacsy family business, Camilatone, which made hair care products was started in 1920 and was sold off in 1952. Mr Kropacsy developed a conditioner called Vitapoint, which became popular with women after the war.

How a trip to the hairdresser left woman paralysed

By Ian Murray


Jane Hughes: artery in neck had been stretched

A VISIT to the hairdresser turned into a near disaster for Jane Hughes. She went in to have her long hair set and washed but ended up partially paralysed and wondering if she would ever walk again.

Mrs Hughes, 44, suffered a stroke caused by her neck being stretched back while she was having her hair washed. Her "beauty parlour syndrome" ordeal two years ago is described today in the medical journal *The Lancet*.

The stylist had tipped the chair back and stretched her neck back over the sink in the normal way. Everything seemed all right until she got up to walk home. Mrs Hughes found she had difficulty walking and was dragging her left leg. She had trouble driving back to her home in Bath, but managed it. Once home she found herself unsteady on her feet and with increasing numbness in her left hand.

The next morning she could not drink her tea properly and she decided to go to the Royal United Hospital. "I thought I had trapped a nerve and when they suggested I stay in hospital I said no because I had a child and two dogs to look after."

An appointment was made for her to see a neurologist the next day, but that evening she fell on the way to the bathroom and found she was unable even to crawl. In the morning she could not stand and was admitted to hospital. "I was very frightened and couldn't understand what was going on," she said yesterday. "All that I had done was get my hair washed."

Dr David Bateman, who treated her for a stroke, describes the case in *The Lancet*. He was at first puzzled about what caused the stroke. Mrs Hughes had no history of illness.

Her blood pressure was normal. She was not a diabetic. She did not smoke and usually drank no more than the recommended quantity of alcohol. She had one son, who was born normally 15 years earlier.

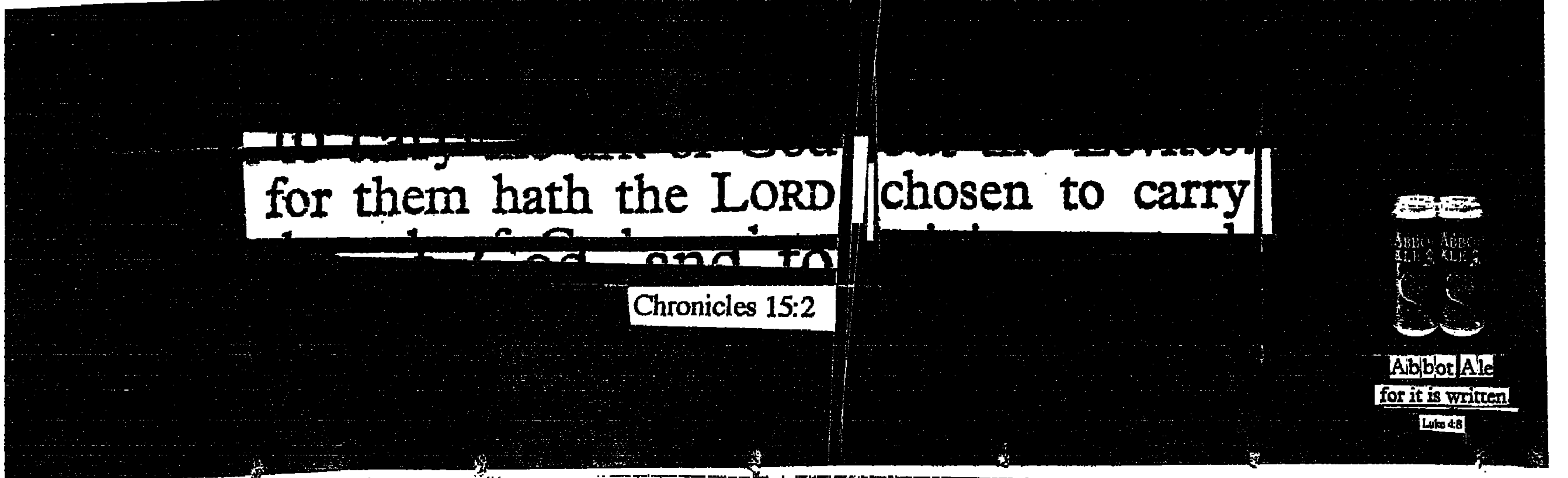
A scan discovered that the lining of the arteries of her neck had torn away and was blocking the passage of blood to her brain. This can happen in older people or to those with arterial disease, but Mrs Hughes fitted neither category. The only thing that he could think of was the visit to the hairdresser.

What happened was that in pulling back her neck to wash the hair, the stylist had inadvertently stretched the artery in the neck causing a tear in the lining, which led to blood clots forming. This had caused the stroke.

"Washing hair with the neck extended or the chair tilted backwards is a common practice because the position avoids soap getting into the eyes," Dr Bateman writes. "This practice is not without risk and hairdressers should be instructed not to overextend the neck and should use the cushion usually provided."

Two years later, treatment with anticoagulants and neuro-physiotherapy has almost cured Mrs Hughes, although her left hand is still very weak. She now keeps her hair short and always has it washed leaning forward over the sink.

The hairdressing training board said: "As part of the course for an NVQ we teach that the head and neck must be protected at all times."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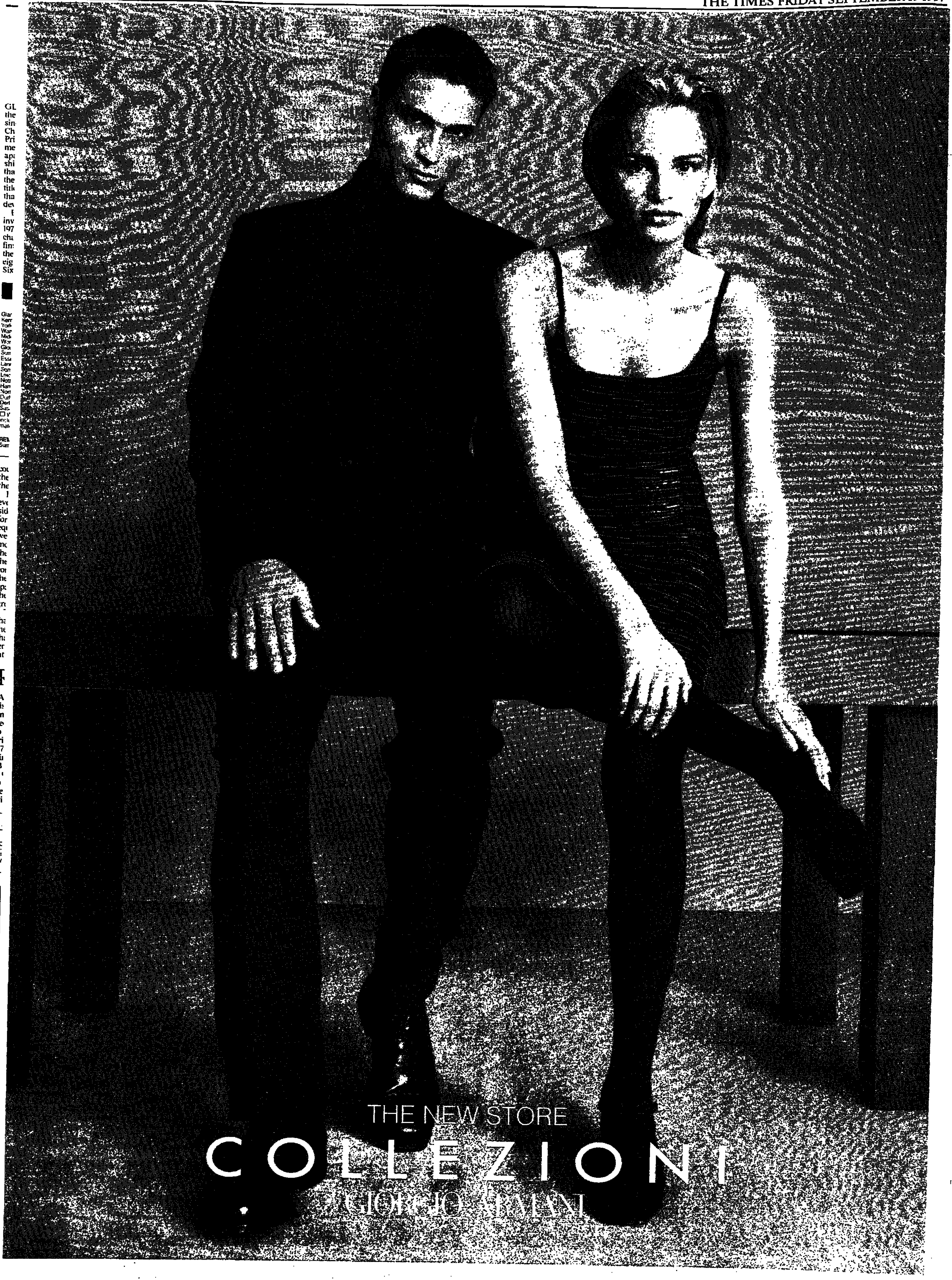
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Christie's toasts the sale of wine's holy relics

By Philip Delves Broughton

WITH a slurp and a wet, cellary cough, the auction of the greatest private wine collection to come to the market began at Christie's in London yesterday.

The 18,999 bottles of grand cru champagnes, clarets, white wines, ports, pudding wines and cognacs are being sold by an anonymous owner over four sessions ending today.

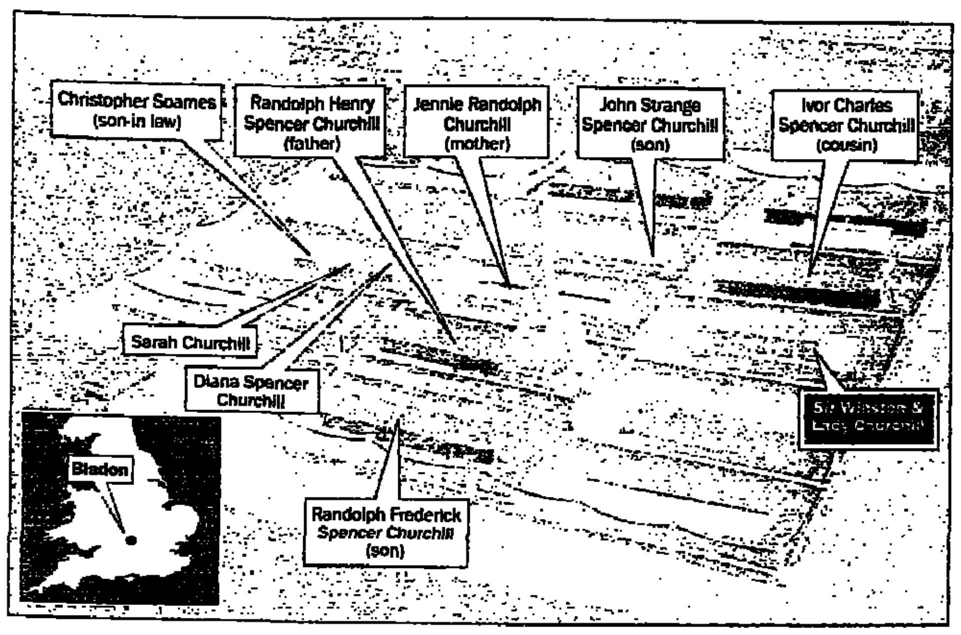
Some of the highlights are on display: Château-d'Yquems wrapped in sugary tissue paper and extremely rare 12-bottle cases of Pétrus arranged like holy relics.

First for sale, however, were the champagnes. The Japanese in the crowd and on the telephones splashed out. Six bottles of Louis Roederer Cristal, vintage 1966, went for £1,300, a case of Dom Perignon Rosé, 1969, for £3,600. Pink champagne is said to be a fine accompaniment to sushi.

As the time came for the red bordeaux 1899-1990, a different sort of nose took over the sal room. Men with long, sloping, ducal foreheads loped in, armed with the full mandate of the wine committees of gentlemen's clubs.

As the claret sale started to swing, the prices began whooshing up: £19,000 for an impériale of Mouton-Rothschild 1929, £20,000 for a case of Latour 1937, £62,000 for an impériale of Cheval Blanc 1947.

In two minutes, a telephone buyer had spent £204,000 on claret. One hopes he takes longer to drink it, unless of course he has some brilliantly vulgar drinking game in mind.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Randolph Frederick Spencer Churchill (son)

The new layout of the family graves, as proposed by the Churchill Grave Trust

Tourists fail to get the picture at Churchill grave

Alan Hamilton reports on why visitors feel the £350,000 refurbishment of Sir Winston's grave is so badly needed

FOR Harry Templeton from San Jose, California, his first sight of Sir Winston Churchill's grave yesterday was something of a disappointment. His camcorder could not make out the faded names engraved on the simple tomb at Bladon, Oxfordshire.

The £350,000 refurbishment which begins next month to restore a site left shabby and apparently unloved by three decades of tourists beating a path to the churchyard gate could not come a moment too soon for visitors.

On the last stop of a 23-day tour of Britain and Ireland, Mr Templeton had expected something a little grander than a plain horizontal slab of Portland stone, engraved only with the names of Winston and Clementine and their respective dates. Or at least something he could record for the neighbours back home.

"I pointed the camcorder but it wouldn't pick up the inscription at all. I had to read it onto the soundtrack," he said. "They could clean this place up: Churchill is very revered in the US. I expected something bigger, but if this is what he wanted, that's fine by me. I just think they could look after it better."

Churchill: wanted to be buried in simple grave

Joy Spurrell, from Toronto, was equally underwhelmed. "It's not as prominent as it should be, and the gravestones look older than they actually are. I expected better for such a great man. Graves need perpetual care."

Churchill lies surrounded by his parents, Randolph and Jennie, his brother John, cousin Ivor, son Randolph, daughters Diana and Sarah and his son-in-law Lord Soames. All are plain, huddled in a plot hard by the church wall, and although far from neglected look tired and unprepossessing.

They are surrounded by a weary sprinkle of gravel, and yesterday only one had flowers, that of Christopher Soames, still cared for by his widow and children. Cheap and undistinguished notices identify each family member. Sir Winston's headstone has already been replaced at least once since his burial in 1965.

Churchill's love of Bladon stemmed from early visits to his father's tomb, the only one with any ornament, being surmounted by a simple Celtic stone cross. At the age of 11, he wrote to his mother: "I went this morning to Bladon to look at Papa's grave. I was so struck by the sense of quietness and peace, as well as by the old-world air of the place that my sadness was not unmixed with solace." His burial at Bladon, like that of Diana, Princess of Wales at Althorp, was a private family affair.

The only other memorial to him there is a board in the porch recording that, at his interment, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the church's half-muffled bells.

Several years ago plans for a much grander Churchill family tomb in the churchyard were rejected by the parochial church council, reflecting the desire of a majority of local people to adhere to Sir Winston's wish for simplicity. But the refurbishment now planned by Winston Churchill, Sir Winston's grandson, has the full approval of the Rev Roger Humphreys, rector of Bladon and Woodstock and a trustee of the new project. "This is essentially maintenance. The graves are beginning to suffer from tourist fatigue; we get an average of two coachloads a day throughout the year."

Two categories of complaint reach the rector's ears: those from tourists who expect to see the British equivalent of the Kennedy grave at Arlington and those who complain that the plot is scruffy and uncared for. "The locals still have a pride that Winston is here. They would want the grave kept much as he wanted it himself. If anything too elaborate had been planned, I think there would have been strong local resistance," he said.

But at least future camcorder wielders should be satisfied; the lettering on the new gravestones is to be raised in relief rather than incised.

CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE

Visitors take close-ups of the worn inscription on Churchill's grave yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nine held over death of reporter

Four women and five men were arrested in Dublin yesterday by Irish police investigating the murder in June last year of the journalist Veronica Guerin. They were being questioned about possible links with a drugs gang thought to be responsible for her murder.

□ Irish police have sent a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions about a former junior minister arrested in connection with the laundering of money belonging to a Dublin drugs gang.

Fatal bus crash

The driver of a minibus carrying young Scots was killed in a crash south of Clermont-Ferrand, France. Ten passengers, all from Glasgow, were slightly hurt. The cause of the crash, in which James Spencer, 22, died, was unclear.

£48,000 for poster

A poster for the 1942 film *Casablanca* was sold for £48,800 at Sotheby's, a British auction record for a film poster. The two-metre-square sheet, one of two known to exist, was bought by Andrew Cohen, head of the houseware retailer Betterware.

TV star on track

Michael Palin, star of BBC1's *Full Circle*, had a train named after him at Darsham station, Suffolk. Palin unveiled his nameplate on an Anglia Railways Class 153 train. He is patron of the environmental group Transport 2000.

Fallen hero

A man on a sponsored parachute jump to raise money for a hospital finished the day as a patient there, after breaking his ankle. John Ryder, 36, was fundraising for the children's ward at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

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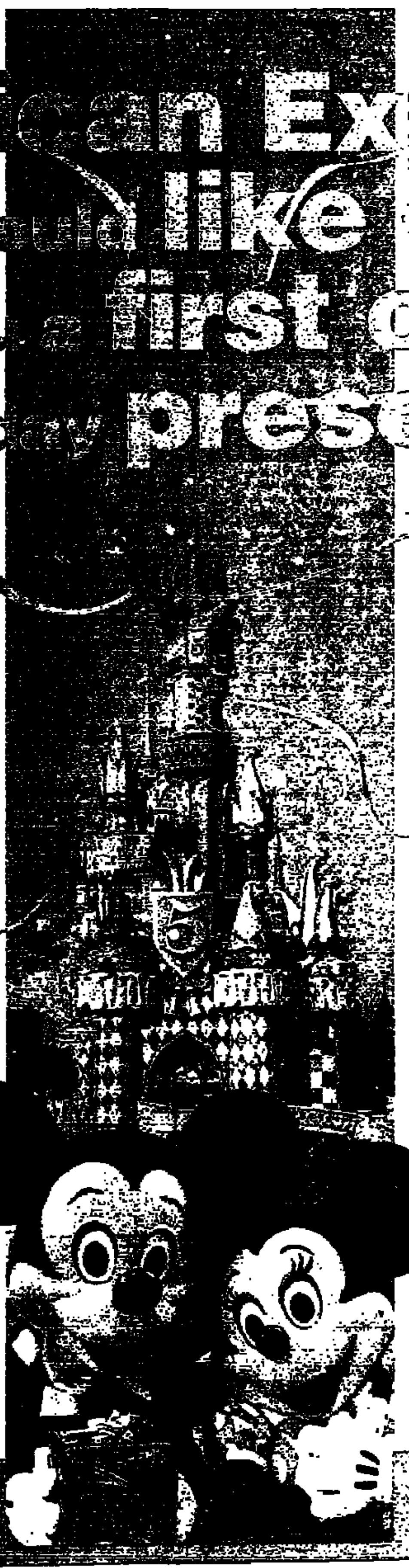

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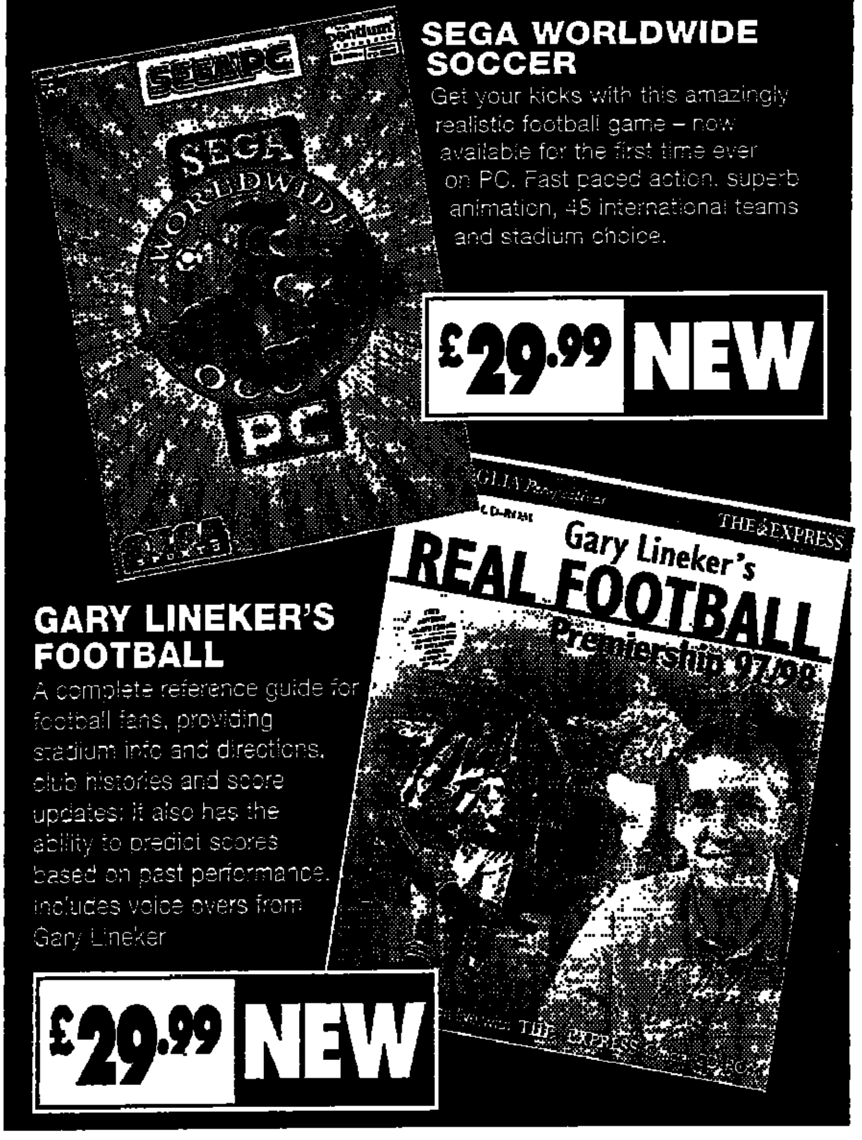

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Intruder found in Kensington Palace

By Stewart Tendler, Emma Wilkins and Susan Bell

SENIOR Scotland Yard detectives are investigating how an intruder spent seven hours inside Kensington Palace without being detected. The man, a convicted drug dealer with a mental illness, was found by a maid as he wandered the corridors looking for the apartment of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The 31-year-old from Nottingham was in a distressed and emotional state and clutching a single rose. He was released after being questioned by police.

Police sources said that the man had visited the palace to sign a book of condolence and slipped inside. The area where the condolence books are held closes at 8pm. The man was found at 3.30am.

A BBC compact disc of the music played at the Princess's funeral in Westminster Abbey went on sale yesterday in spite of disquiet from her family and a senior clergyman. The Spencer family is dismayed that the BBC had not told them in advance about the recording. The first the family knew of the compact disc was when one of the Princess's sisters saw a newspaper advertisement.

The Dean of Westminster, who officiated at the funeral, is also uneasy about the release of the disc. A colleague said: "The dean does not think the nature of the service lends itself to such commercialisation."

The BBC and Polygram Classics said that all profits would be donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. It is understood that the Spencer family would prefer that the entire proceeds went to charity.

A French magazine said yesterday that the regular chauffeur of the Mercedes in which the Princess and Dodi Fayed died had initially refused to allow Henri Paul to drive, saying that M Paul was not authorised to do so. *Paris Match* said that the chauffeur agreed to allow M Paul to drive only after being ordered to do so by the Ritz hotel's financial director. "All right, but the Ritz must take responsibility for it," the chauffeur allegedly retorted.

If true, the allegations would lend weight to the possibility that the investigating magistrate might consider bringing criminal charges against the Ritz for corporate manslaughter and negligence in allowing M Paul to drive.

Tomorrow a convoy of black taxis taking 100 children from Great Ormond Street Hospital, in London, on a prearranged trip to Disneyland Paris will, at the children's request, stop in Paris to lay flowers on the bridge above the underpass in which the Princess died.

The Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers — which has taken the children on an annual trip to France for the past three years — will also lay a wreath in the shape of a taxi on behalf of London cab drivers.

DRESS WILL BUY WASHING MACHINE

An Australian woman who won one of the Princess's evening dresses in a newspaper competition plans to sell it to buy a washing machine and pay household bills.

Amanda Donovan, 32, who lives in Sydney, said yesterday: "People will think, 'What a bitch.' But I can live with that. We need so many things just for day-to-day living."

The Catherine Walker dress was among 79 sold at auction in New York in June.

Food firms urged to save lives by cutting salt

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

READYMADE meals and bread help to kill tens of thousands of people a year because they contain too much salt, researchers say today.

Halving our intake of salt would save at least 34,000 lives a year, according to the study published in *The Lancet*. Graham MacGregor, who co-ordinated the study, said food manufacturers were ignoring the medical evidence for commercial reasons.

Even a modest reduction in salt lowers blood pressure in older people, significantly reducing the risk of heart attacks. But Dr MacGregor said the increasing popularity of readymade processed foods, which are heavily salted by the manufactuers, made it difficult to control salt intake.

"Seventy to 80 per cent of our salt intake now comes from salt hidden in processed food and bread," Dr MacGregor, of St George's Hospital Medical School in Tooting, South London, said. "We need the co-operation of the food-processing industry to reduce the very high concentrations of salt in processed foods, often equivalent to seawater."

The food industry is worth £80 billion a year, and Dr MacGregor said that manufacturers had a vested interest in keeping salt levels high. "They add salt because it is the cheapest flavour enhancer and causes people to become addicted to the taste.

"It allows more water to be added to the product, increasing the weight of it at no extra cost. It makes people thirstier so they drink more liquids, often soft drinks manufactured by food companies."

Dr MacGregor also criticised the way that salt was classified as sodium on food labels: "To find the real level of salt in anthing you have to multiply the sodium content by two and a half." The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that food labelling was under review. The Food and Drink Federation said it would study the findings: "The scientific evidence is not established."

Heinz has a policy of reducing salt and sugar in all products. Since 1989 it has cut the amount of salt in a tin of baked beans by 14 per cent, with no drop in sales.

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Lasagne meal (300g)	3g
Tin spaghetti (220g)	2.75g
Sausages (2)	2.5g
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Bran Flakes (30g)	0.5g

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE average daily requirement for salt is three to six grams (0.1oz to 0.2oz), but the average intake per person is eight to 12 grams. Additional sodium may be consumed through eating food containing sodium bicarbonate (baking soda), fish or meat cured with sodium nitrite, or dishes flavoured with monosodium glutomate which is frequently added to enhance taste.

A high intake of sodium, or depletion of potassium so that the ratio of sodium to potassium is unusually high, in susceptible people causes a rise in blood pressure. This in turn increases the likelihood of stroke, coronary thrombosis or kidney damage.

Not everyone's blood pressure is sensitive to salt, but it is usually assumed that salt restriction is important in the maintenance of a healthy cardiovascular system in about one in four of the population. There is some evidence that people with hypertension are those whose blood pressure reacts to a change in salt intake.

Over a quarter of the salt eaten daily is from cereal products. Salt is also found in abundance in milk, eggs, meat, cheese, butter and cream.

The standard advice is to stop adding salt to food at the table, to use less in cooking and to avoid cured and processed foods. Additional potassium in the form of fruit juice is also helpful.

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'Hit squad' for Hackney schools

By John O'Leary, Education Editor, and Mark Henderson

A TEAM appointed by the Government will on Monday begin trying to rescue schools in Hackney after inspectors said that its education service was in disarray.

Stephen Byers, the Schools Standards Minister, said the Government would not let Hackney's children be the victims of the northeast London authority's failure. A report by the Office for Standards in Education spoke of a collapse of management and a lack of political will.

Seven of the borough's 60 schools have been found to be failing and two threatened with closure if they do not show immediate improvement. Ofsted says that three have "serious weaknesses".

Formally requesting Hackney to accept the first "improvement team" to be sent into a local authority, Mr Byers said that 30,000 children, and their schools in Hackney, "should be receiving the support and assistance of their local education authority. They are not at the moment."

Hackney council was run by Labour until May 1995, when a group of councillors was expelled from the party. The breakaway group now holds power in loose coalition with Tories and Liberal Democrats.

The Government is planning to take powers to impose new leadership on failing authorities, but Mr Byers admitted that the team of administrators would need the council's co-operation to succeed. Yesterday evening, Mr Byers met all the council's political groupings and announced that the authority had agreed to co-operate with the team.

Parents of pupils at Homerton House Community School welcomed the sending of a "hit squad" to Hackney, saying teachers' work was being undermined by inadequate council leadership. One, whose son moved to Homerton when Hackney Downs School was closed, said: "It's a poor area, but that means there is greater need for proper organisation and inspired leadership."

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Milk bottles rescue girl from life on drugs

Lin Jenkins reports on the first success for a scheme that brings photographs of missing people on to the shelves of supermarkets

A TEENAGE runaway was rescued from a life of heroin addiction on the streets after her photograph was printed on 75,000 milk bottles. Several shoppers telephoned police to say that they had seen Kirsty McFadden, thin, bedraggled and ill, begging in Bristol.

Begging had earned her up to £100 a day, but most was spent on heroin for her and her boyfriend and her weight had fallen to 5½ stone. Now, a year after leaving home, the 16-year-old has been reunited with her family and is back home in Newton Abbot, Devon, recovering slowly from her addiction.

Miss McFadden was the seventh missing person to be featured on milk bottles sold by Iceland, and was the first of them to be found.

Police and social services launched a wide hunt when she failed to return from school to her foster parents, with whom she had been living after running away from home on previous occasions. It was thought that she was travelling the country with a circus or funfair, but the reality was grimmer. She slid into drug addiction, begging and living in cardboard boxes.

The National Missing Persons Helpline was contacted and Miss McFadden was chosen for the Iceland scheme, which was launched in April. Her photograph was printed on four-pint containers of milk.

She was picked up by police after customers realised that the face on their milk bottles was that of the bedraggled girl who begged in the Broadmead shopping centre.

Miss McFadden said: "I am very glad that I was found. I ran away because I was fed up with the social workers, and at first it was all right. It was a bit of an adventure. For the first two months I was living in a squat, but after that I was living on the street.

"It just dragged on and dragged on. I was too scared to go home because of the people I was with. I was making about £100 a day begging in Broadmead, but I was spending it all on heroin for myself and my boyfriend.

"I don't know what would have happened to me if I had stayed on the streets. I am very grateful to the people who put me on the milk bottles and the people who called the police."

She said that she had given up heroin and was regaining her health. "When you have a heroin addiction you do not eat and, when I was picked up, I weighed only 5½ stone, but I am almost up to 7 stone now." She hopes to make up for the schooling she missed by studying at a college in Torquay.

Her mother, Cheryl, 36, said that she and her husband, Cliff, had "tried everything to find her and are so pleased that this milk bottle scheme has worked. She had run away before and come home again, but after she had been missing for a few weeks we really began to worry about her and it got worse and worse the longer she was away.

"Every night Cliff and I would lie awake in bed wondering where she was and what she was doing and worrying that she might be dead in a ditch somewhere."

Her parents were disappointed that Kirsty chose to stay in a children's home when she was first found, but later she rang to say that she wished to come home. "I was horrified when I saw her," Mrs McFadden said. "She was a bag of bones and her skin looked as if it was stretched like clingfilm. Now she is eating like a horse and putting on weight again."

A spokesman for the National Missing Persons Helpline said: "Each picture runs for three weeks and this is our first success. We had hoped the others would have been found as well because we picked especially vulnerable missing people for the scheme."

Lorna Webster of Iceland said that the milk containers with Miss McFadden's photograph had been sold throughout the country. She added: "We are delighted at this success and thrilled that the family has been reunited. We hope some of the other missing people we feature will also get in touch with their parents."

TIM CUFF

Kirsty McFadden with her mother, brother and sister. Her photograph was printed on 75,000 milk bottles, right, sold by Iceland

RSPCA used gene test to track badger killers

By Russell Jenkins

FOUR men accused of killing a badger after digging it from its sett were linked to the crime by DNA tests on the animal's body, a court was told yesterday.

Magistrates in Bakewell, Derbyshire, were told that it was the first time genetic profiling had been relied upon by the RSPCA in such a case. Blood found on one of the men's clothing and on another's knife was matched with tissue taken from a dead badger, it was alleged.

All four denied killing and digging for a badger and interfering with a badger set at Cromford Moor in Derbyshire. The accused are Garry Shaw, 26, of Matlock; Russell Pettipierre, 37, of Alderwasley; David Wragg, 32, of Belper, and Michael Holland, 32, of Chaddesden, all in Derbyshire.

John Sutcliffe, prosecuting for the RSPCA, told the court that the men were stopped by police after they had been alerted by members of the Mid-Derbyshire Badger Group. Two members of the group had seen men with dogs, similar to the four accused, near a badger sett, where the freshly killed body of a fully grown male badger was found in March last year.

Mr Sutcliffe said evidence against the men, who had claimed that they had been looking for foxes and had a dead fox with them, was only circumstantial until the "dramatic development" of DNA tests on the animal and on the bloodstains on the knife found on Mr Wragg and on a blue oversuit worn by Mr Holland.

He said that Terry Burke, a zoologist of Leicester University, who had been researching the use of DNA profiling in wild animal studies since 1985, carried out tests which were not only able to identify DNA from badgers as opposed to other animals but could distinguish one badger from another.

Tests showed that bodily fluids or tissue from a badger were present on the boiler suit and knife and that the DNA profile of the dead badger matched that of blood on the knife and the suit, he said.

Mr Sutcliffe said the tests had directly linked Mr Wragg and Mr Holland to the crime and although there was no direct evidence against the other two accused, they had clearly gone to the sett as part of a joint venture.

The RSPCA believes that the technique may be useful in the fight to save threatened species around the world, including gorillas. DNA evidence has already been used to determine whether exotic birds have been illegally taken from the wild.

The trial continues.

Barracks provides home for museum

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

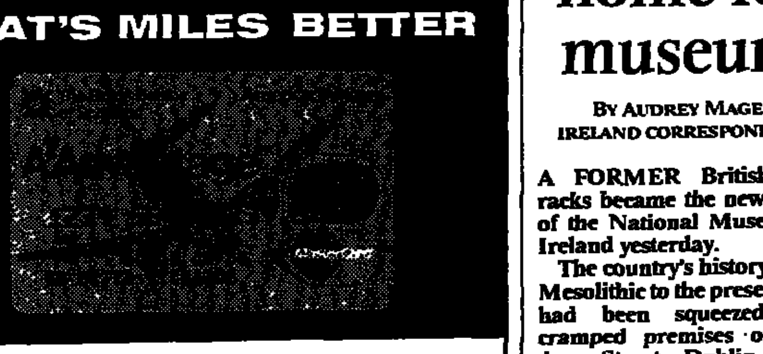
A FORMER British barracks became the new home of the National Museum of Ireland yesterday.

The country's history, from Mesolithic to the present day, had been squeezed into cramped premises on Kildare Street, Dublin, since 1815. The new museum is in Collins Barracks, named after Michael Collins, a founding father of the IRA.

The museum spent 70 years looking for more spacious premises and will now be able to display thousands of artefacts that had been held in storage, including a collection of Irish silver not seen in 50 years. The barracks, which was completed in 1706, was formerly known as the Royal Barracks. It was officially handed over in 1922.

Near the River Liffey on the outskirts of Dublin city centre the building was occupied by the Irish Army until 1994 when plans were initiated to turn it into a museum. About 30 soliders still occupy the 19-acre site but will leave as the £48 million museum expansion plan is completed. The museum, of which the first phase is completed, houses a wide range of decorative and applied arts, while Irish archaeology remains in Kildare Street.

Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, was to have opened the museum but stayed away as curatorial staff picketed outside in protest at their lack of promotion.



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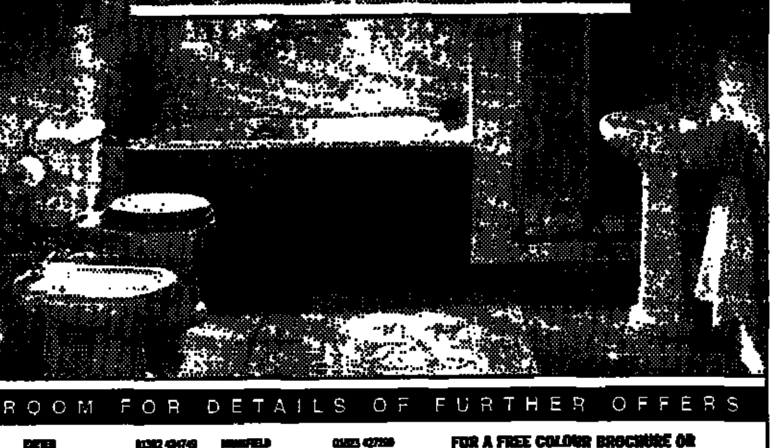

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Macho adverts blamed for road pollution

Nick Nuttall and **Kevin Eason** report on calls for dearer fuel and 'sexier' small cars

THE motor industry was attacked yesterday over links between pollution and the macho culture of big high-performance cars. The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said that technology could deliver cars 40 per cent more fuel efficient and less damaging to the environment.

A commission report decried the advertising of cars which put engine size, luxury and acceleration over protecting public health. One member, Clair Chilvers, Professor of Epidemiology at Nottingham University, said a campaign was needed to make small, less gas-guzzling cars "more sexy".

Peter Doyle, another member and executive director of the pharmaceutical and agrochemical company Zeneca, said: "The current emphasis of motor industry advertising is taking us in the opposite direction to environmental sustainability."

The fashion for larger-engined cars and four-wheel-drive vehicles highlighted a cultural crisis. The commission said that few people used four-wheel-drives off the road, and the safety claims for smaller vehicles were nonsense.

The Government was urged to hold talks with the industry, to see how advertising could be modified. Roland Clift, director of the Centre for Environmental Strategy at the University of Surrey, said advertising campaigns should also try to change driving habits: "Most of the fuel consumption, 50 to 60 per cent, is taken up by aerodynamic drag. If you halve your speed, you save 25 per cent of the fuel. You also reduce accidents."

It is three years since the royal commission's first report on transport. For the commission to revisit a subject is unprecedented. Its chairman, Sir John Houghton, former chief executive of the Meteorological Office, said transport represented the biggest environmental challenge of the age: "There have been large shifts in attitudes and policy, and there is much talk of the right kind. There remains the problem of translating talk into action."

The commission hopes that its recommendations will form part of a White Paper on transport. It says that lorries should need a permit — at a price — to use motorways, to better reflect their environmental impacts and costs in terms of damage to highways. Other measures include a ten-year fuel price rise, above the Government's current escalator of 5 per cent above inflation, to reduce car usage. Current increases were being undermined by a fall in underlying fuel prices.

Other key recommendations include proper planning to deliver an integrated transport system linking the car with buses, light rail, walking and cycling, and a sliding scale vehicle excise duty making it far cheaper to run a small, fuel-efficient car.

Tighter limits on emissions from new vehicles, which come into effect from 2000, would be followed by even tighter limits from 2005, despite industry resistance. Cleaner fuels, able to reduce emissions such as sulphur, would be given more help.

Councils would be able to charge for road use and non-residential private parking, using the money on integrated transport system. Urban areas and suburbs would no longer be designed in ways that enforce dependence on cars.

Car makers reacted angrily to criticisms, saying that they had poured billions of pounds into clean technology which had cut exhaust emissions by 30 per cent in five years, and said that ultimate responsibility for pollution rested with thousands of motorists who refused to service or maintain their cars. Ten per cent of cars cause half the pollution, according to RAC figures.

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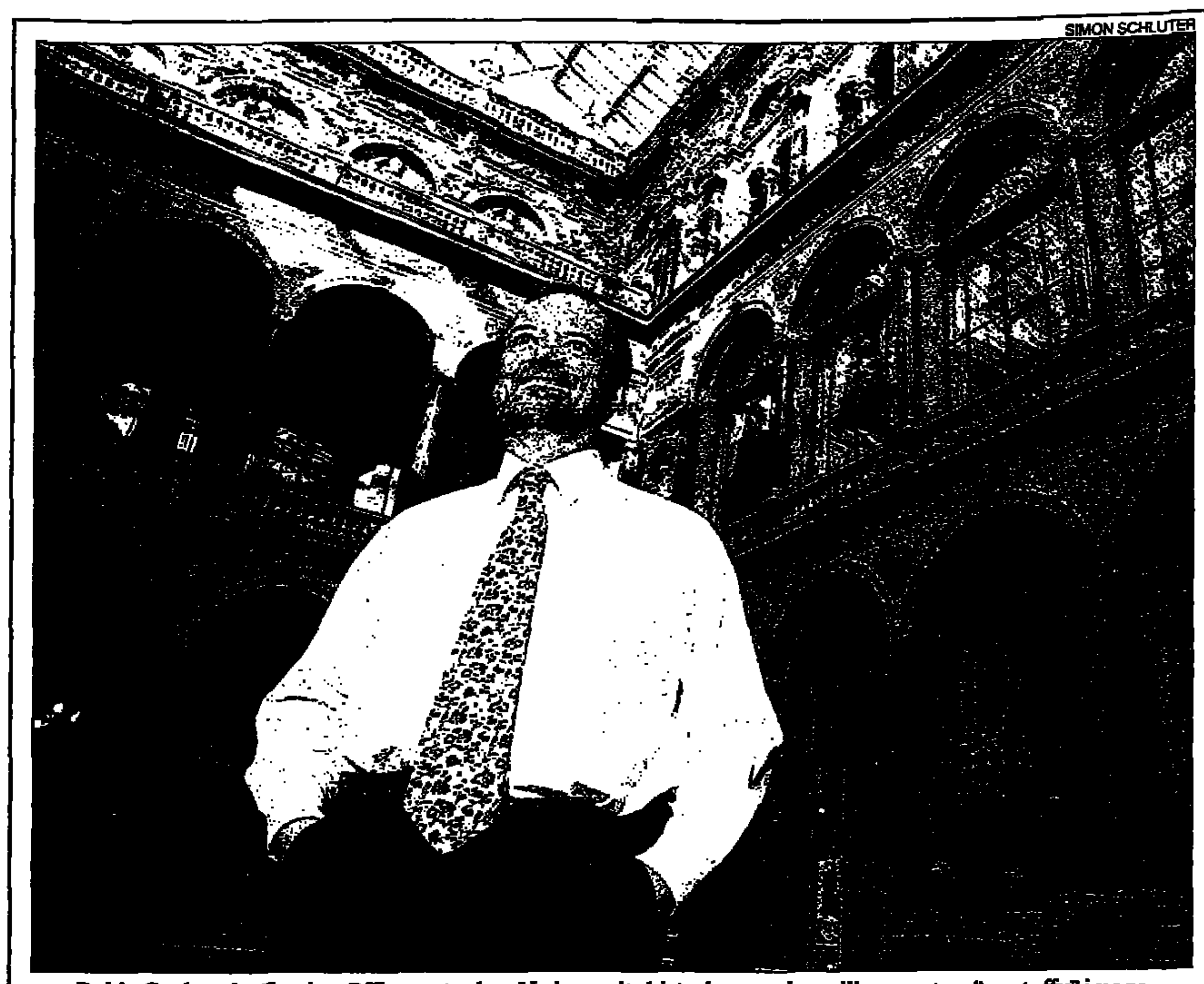
A BRITISH company is set to make engines for cars and taxis whose only emission from the exhaust pipe will be water vapour. Zevco has made a prototype fuel-cell vehicle for postal services in Italy, and is talking to taxi operators in London because its engines provide similar performance and range to diesel engines, although they are fuelled by hydrogen.

Production will start at a £2 million factory near Thanet, Kent, aimed at full output in two years, targeting commercial vehicles first. Nick Abson, the chief executive, said: "The motor industry must move to new technology. The reason the big carmakers don't move to fuel cells is because they have so much invested in current technologies."

Fuel cells are used extensively in the space industry. The electrochemical system powers electric motors silently and cleanly. Zevco says that gas companies can provide hydrogen, making the cells feasible. Swapping diesel engines to fuel cells and batteries costs £3,000 to £4,000.


SIMON SCHLUTER

Robin Cook at the Foreign Office yesterday. He hopes its historic open day will present an "unstuffy" image

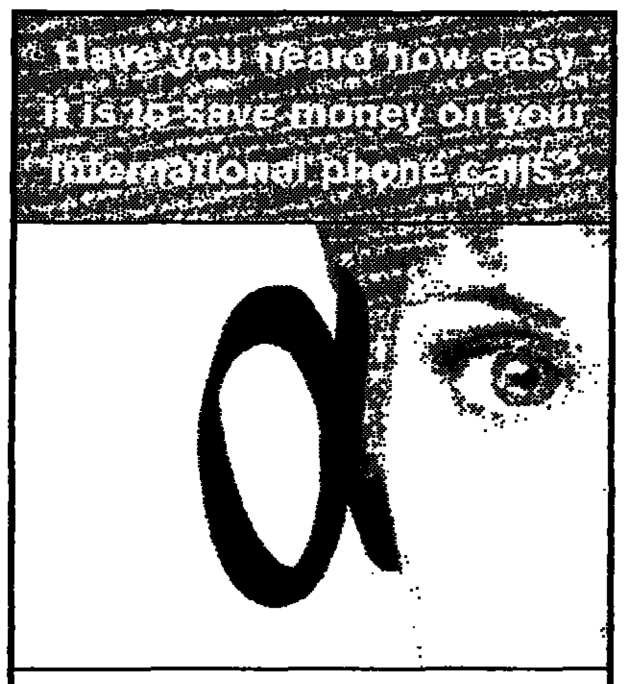
Foreign Office dons new school tie

By Michael Binyon

ALMOST 1,000 schoolchildren, students, teachers and careers officers will today visit the Foreign Office, watch diplomats poring over telegrams and dispatches and help Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to inaugurate a British Consulate in Ekaterinburg via a television link to the central Russian city.

The Foreign Office is throwing open its doors for the first time on a normal working weekday to show that it is no longer dominated by the old boys of a few public schools. Under "new" Labour, the new Foreign Office is redoubling efforts to encourage applications from women, ethnic minorities and graduates of provincial universities.

"Many people have no idea that the FCO is staffed by down-to-earth, unstuffy people." Mr Cook said. "I want it to represent all the communities of Britain."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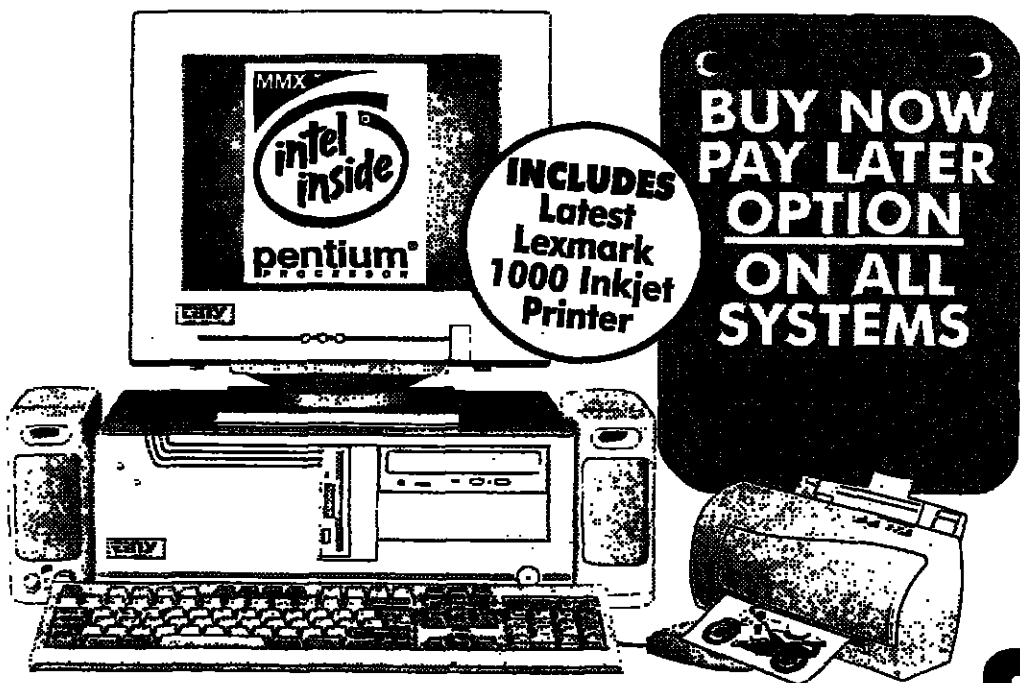

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Attacks force Hindley portrait to be removed

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

THE controversial portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in the Royal Academy of Arts' *Sensation* exhibition has had to be removed from display after being attacked and damaged by two protesters when the show opened yesterday.

The painting, Marcus Harvey's *Myra*, which could take up to a week to restore, was withdrawn from the exhibition temporarily last night as experts assessed the damage.

The first incident occurred when a man walked into the gallery with two small canisters containing red and blue Indian ink. He threw them at the portrait and was arrested.

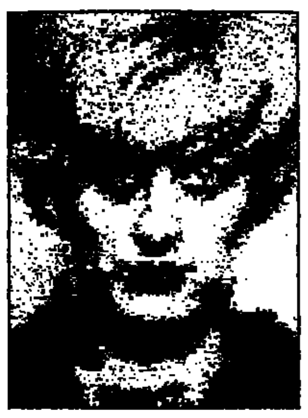
About an hour later, a second man was taken into custody after four eggs were thrown. "We hope to return the painting to the exhibition within a week. It depends entirely on the assessment provided by our conservators," a spokeswoman said.

Three callers to the children's charity Kidscape had earlier offered to attack the painting. Winnie Johnson, the mother of Moors victim Keith Bennett, said the attacks were "brilliant and they should do it every day. I'm thrilled to bits it's happened and I'm hoping they will have to take it down."

Earlier Mrs Johnson, who was among protesters outside the venue, insisted the 9ft by 11ft picture of Hindley, formed by using child handprints, should be removed. "It is criminal and it is disgusting. She [Hindley] is not a person. She is a monster."

Her son was 12 when he went missing 33 years ago. His body has never been found. Hindley has admitted that she and her accomplice, Ian Brady, killed him.

The academy sent out tea and sandwiches to Mrs Johnson and other protesters and offered her the chance to be shown around the exhibition by David Gordon, the secretary. Mrs Johnson refused.



The portrait *Myra*, by Marcus Harvey

Earlier, the Metropolitan Police Vice Squad investigated works depicting rotting animal carcasses and mutilated bodies after a complaint from a woman whose child was murdered by a paedophile. Inspector Ron Holmes said he was satisfied that there was a warning notice about the Chapman brothers' mutant mannequins with genitalia for facial features. "I don't think it warrants prosecution."

Another member of the academy, Gillian Ayres, 67, resigned in protest at the Hindley portrait. "I'm a mother. Feelings matter very much," she said. "Life comes first. My sympathy is with the parents."

James Robinson, the academy's deputy secretary, said he regretted her decision, but added: "We've had loads of letters from academicians. Not all are against it."

Protesters outside the show included members of Mothers Against Murder and Aggression. Using a loudhailer, they urged visitors not to "waste £7" on a ticket.

One protester, Mandy Silvester, said the exhibition was a glorification of violence: "Myra Hindley's portrait would not be in there today if she hadn't killed those children. Maybe art does have a right to offend, but when a child is murdered the families of those children never live a normal life again."

Among yesterday's visitors, the actor and singer Ian Dury said it was clearly not intended to be about pleasure. Some 200,000 people are expected to visit the exhibition over the next few weeks.

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SIMON SCHLUTER

SENSATION
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Winnie Johnson, mother of one of the Moors murderers' victims, protesting outside the exhibition yesterday

Armed Forces unlikely to face further cuts

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE Government is not expecting to reap a further peace dividend from the current strategic defence review, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, indicated yesterday.

The review will not be completed until next January, but Mr Robertson said it was already clear that the Armed Forces must retain the capability to operate in all types of military activity, from high-intensity warfare to peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

In a mid-review speech to the Royal United Services Institute in London, Mr Robertson said he was not going to speculate on "force structures or numbers or types of equipment for the future".

However, he said that if Britain was to continue playing a role in high-intensity conflicts and international security operations, "that could well require a demanding range and scale of capabilities".

Mr Robertson said: "It is now nearly ten years since the effective end of the Cold War, and we have already reaped a substantial peace dividend."

Since 1990, the strength of the Armed Forces had been reduced from 315,000 to 215,000, some 32 per cent. The number of conventionally armed submarines had fallen from 28 to 12; the number of destroyers and frigates from 48 to 35; infantry battalions from 55 to 40; the number of tanks cut by 45 per cent, and aircraft by some 30 per cent.

He said: "The previous Tory Government argued that they had maintained strong defences. In truth, in many areas they left the Armed Forces with serious problems."

He added: "Our increased operational commitments since the end of the Cold War have demonstrated that many British defence areas are suffering from severe overstretch."

He said the next stage of the review would ask whether "we have the right capabilities, either now or planned, and whether we correctly interpreted what technology will offer".

The review would also focus in detail on the missions for Britain's Armed Forces, the scale and level of deployments and "how we should modernise our force structures and capabilities".

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Palm tells future for detectives

DETECTIVES are to use palm reading to catch criminals in Cambridgeshire (Stewart Tendler writes). The first computerised system for storing palm prints was unveiled by the force yesterday.

Police say palm prints are an under-used asset: they are as unique as fingerprints, although fingerprints are used more because they are more widely found. Trials of the £30,000 system, starting with 500 prints, resulted in 12 arrests.

Video games 'teach sexism and violence'

It is a world of fantasy aggression and impossibly shaped women, but a study warns that children take it seriously. **Russell Jenkins** reports

CHILDREN are losing themselves in a world of evil foreigners, big-chested women and the need to prove themselves through violence, says an academic study. They are spending too long playing fantasy video games.

The games are being taken more seriously than many adults realise, says Dr Ken Parsons, a senior sociology lecturer at the Manchester Metropolitan University: "Playing a game can be, and more often than not is, a serious undertaking — on its outcome rests their feelings of self-esteem and competence.

"To put it in adult terms, playing a game is a child's true reality — this takes it beyond the boundaries of its meaning for adults. In this sense, there is a danger that children and young people may become addicted to sex, addicted to sexism, addicted to violence."

In a sample of 61 teenagers — 36 boys and 25 girls aged 13 to 16 — questioned at youth clubs in Crewe and Dundee, about a quarter feared they were becoming addicted to the games, with about 10 per cent spending more than 30 hours a week in front of the computer screen. One in 20 said they could not live without constant gratification of "beat 'em up" computer games, such as *Street Fighter* and *Duke Nukem 3D*.

The video-fantasy girl, Lara Croft, who stars in Playstation's *Tomb Raider*, had become a craze among impressionable adolescents as a "sex symbol with attitude". Dr Parsons said: "These games encourage sexism and condition children to view the world in a way that they see on a computer screen.

"Men are never rescued by women. Themes of female sex symbols, female kidnapping, female rescue and submission pervade many children's experiences."

He identified three kinds of game: fantasies such as *Zelda 3* and *Dungeon Keeper*, brain teasers such as *Super Mario Brothers*, and blaster games such as *Interstellar Assault*, *Killer Instinct* and *Fighters Megamix*. The games chiefly feature terorists, prizefighters, police teams and robotic detectives. Foreigners were invariably baddies and women were acted upon rather than initiating action, said Dr Parsons.

The study found that a third of parents — who generally pay for the games, costing up to £45 each — are concerned that their children lack physical fitness, and 10 per cent expressed concern at the antisocial behaviour that such games encouraged. A third of the teenagers had been encouraged by their families to reduce their playing time, one in five had experienced physical strain through playing too much, and 26 per cent admitted they were "too attached" to games and found it difficult to stop playing.

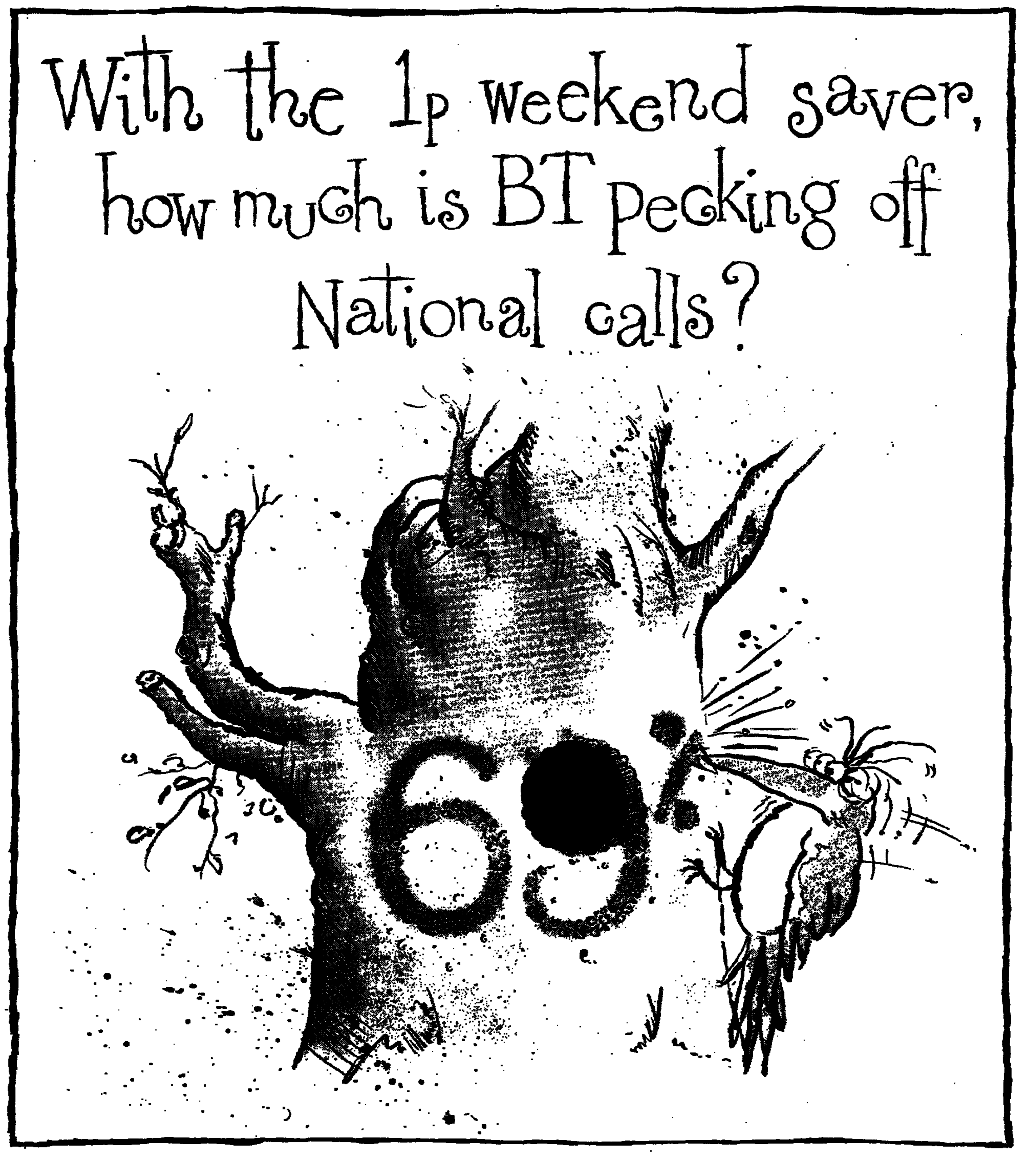
The software in which Lara Croft stars is a bestseller, grossing more than £1 million in the first six months after its launch in October 1996. Dr Parsons describes her as a "gun-wielding baddie-blasting sex symbol, whose very large breasts are designed to be out of proportion with the rest of her body."

Her female competition includes Q-Bee, a bee woman, who is advertised as being "sexy in her ultra-cute costume".

Lara Croft's pin-up picture has appeared as a centrefold in *Loaded* magazine. The character has a spawned a television series and a record, and it has been rumoured that a secret room exists within the game where the player can peel away her clothes.

MATTHEW FEARN

The actress Rhona Mitra as Lara Croft at the launch of a computer game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Teenagers in North take most drugs

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

YOUNG people in the North and the Midlands are increasingly turning to drugs, while in London and the South the practice is in decline, according to a Home Office study published today.

Among the trend-setting 16 to 19-year-olds, the North now has a higher level of drug abuse than London, a reversal of the position three years ago. The study even suggests that the fashion for dance drugs, such as Ecstasy, may be in decline in London and the South.

Overall, in England and Wales, the level of drug misuse stabilised between 1994 and 1996, although it is too early to suggest that this is anything other than a pause before abuse rises again.

Almost half of young people in England and Wales aged 16 to 29 claimed to have taken an illegal drug at some time in their lives, but more recent consumption was much lower, according to results from the 1996 British Crime Survey.

About one in four had taken an illegal drug in the past 12 months and one in seven in the past month, the study, conducted in 1993-1994 and again in 1995-1996, found. In 1994, 23 per cent of 16 to 29-year-olds had taken an illegal drug in the past year.

Cannabis is the most commonly used drug, followed by amphetamines and LSD. But Ecstasy is the least popular of the hallucinogenic drugs, with only 9 per cent of 16 to 29-year-olds ever taking it.

George Howarth, a Home Office Minister, said that, though the figures remained worryingly high, the overall results of the study challenged the notion that drug misuse was escalating out of control. "We have to remember that, for most young people, drug-taking is not part of their normal behaviour and that just one in seven had taken a drug in the last month."

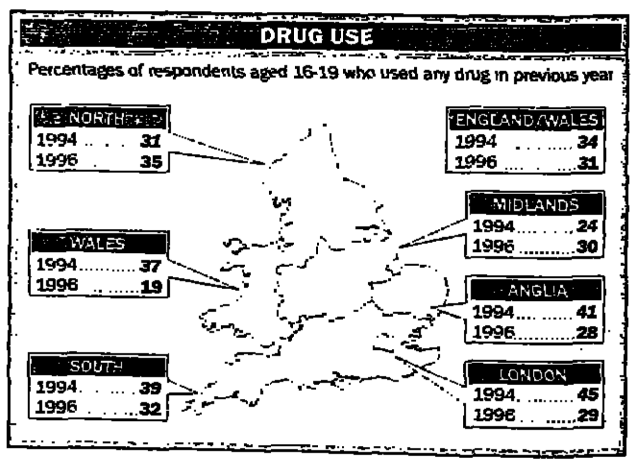
He added that, for many young people, taking drugs was an isolated experience or something they grew out of, and that the Government was acting to help more of them to make sensible decisions.

Butm while the study of 11,000 people aged 16 to 59 highlights relatively stable levels of drug misuse in England and Wales, it found clear regional differences between the North and Midlands and the South. The North has the highest rates of all regions, both for the taking of any drug and dance drugs in 1996, when two years earlier it was below the national average.

The study found that 26 per cent of 16 to 29-year-olds in the North and 19 per cent in the Midlands used a drug in the past year, compared with 22 per 'cent and 16 per cent respectively in 1994.

DRUG USE

Percentages of respondents aged 16-19 who used any drug in previous year



SNP organisers face the music

By Shirley English

FORGET the power dressing of Labour conferences. Cagoules and wellington boots are called for at the annual gathering of Scottish nationalists on the Isle of Bute, in the Firth of Clyde, next week.

An accommodation shortage in the main town of Rothesay, caused by a clash with Bute's International Country Music Festival, has condemned an unlucky few SNP delegates to a rainy week in a caravan or under canvas.

About 1,000 party members are expected to arrive on the island next Wednesday, followed on Friday by 700 country music fans. But with only 27 hotels and a dozen guesthouses in the town, amounting to about 800 beds, there is not a bed to be had.

The SNP has advertised in *The Buteman* for local people willing to open their homes and more than 50 have responded, some offering rooms free of charge. But some party members *may* have to bed down in a Scout hall or brave the forecast September rain in a field made available by the council.

Careful to book early, Alex Salmond, SNP leader, has an hotel room, as do the SNP HQ staff, most of whom are staying in the Victoria Hotel.

Gerry Chambers, an SNP member on Bute who is helping to arrange emergency accommodation, said: "We advised delegates to book early. Most people took our advice but we still have about a dozen delegates looking for beds."

Covert cookbook makes a meal of spying

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

WORKING on the principle that America's heart can be reached through its stomach, the CIA has produced a commemorative cookbook of covert recipes designed to give the persecuted spy agency greater public appeal on its 50th anniversary.

At bookshops throughout the United States next week, readers will be able to peruse *Spies, Black Ties and Mango Pies*, a pot-pourri of culinary delights from former agents and their spouses, including Barbara Bush and the wives of eight other former CIA directors as well, as Stephanie Glakas-Tenet, wife of the incumbent.

Cooking was one of the few topics considered permissible at the dinner tables of the agency's extended empire. "Food and cooking, along with my family, allowed me to cope with and even enjoy my strange world," writes Kay Shaw Nelson, a cookbook author and former CIA agent.

Some of the recipes show the resourceful nature of spymasters' wives. Apple and cabbage salad, and coleslaw soufflé, were created by CIA families in Moscow when local shops carried little other than the vegetable. There is even a formula for dog biscuits and directions, as follows, for snake soup. "Catch a cobra. Cut off its head and remove the skin and internal organs. Chop the body into 2-inch pieces. Put pieces in a large pot with half a gallon of water and boil for 45 minutes. Add monosodium glutamate and salt and boil for 30 minutes. Serve hot."

Recipes also include accompanying tales of derring-do. Exotic swordfish in marinade recalls a group of agents being tailed as they sought a restaurant in a communist country. Eventually the tails helped them to find it.

Mrs Bush, who lived in China when her husband was head of the US Liaison Office in Beijing, remembers the terrors of the Chinese sea slug. "Whenever we had Chinese guests, our chef insisted we serve them," she writes. "To add insult to injury, sea slugs cost $25 a pound. When we served them at banquets, we bit the bullet and ate them."

Most of the more than 100 contributing cooks have kept their last names secret, an ironic twist at a time when the agency has been desperate to forget the clandestine horrors of its past. But some authors, who submitted their names to the CIA's publications review office, felt it necessary to conceal their identity. "If people in foreign embassies go through and read the stories," explained Barbara X, "they'll know so and so must have been working for the agency. We didn't want to make horribly crystal-clear where we were."

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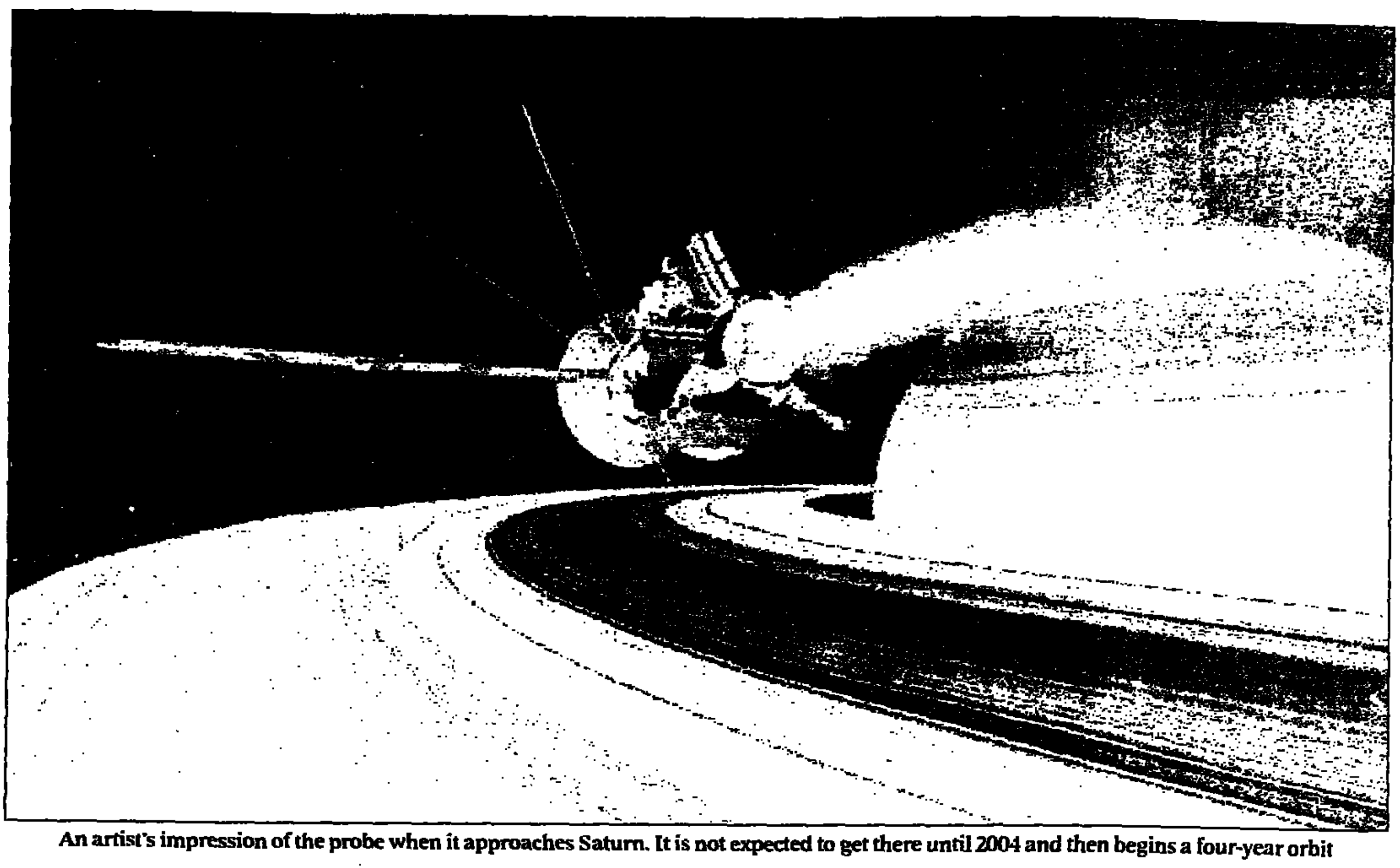
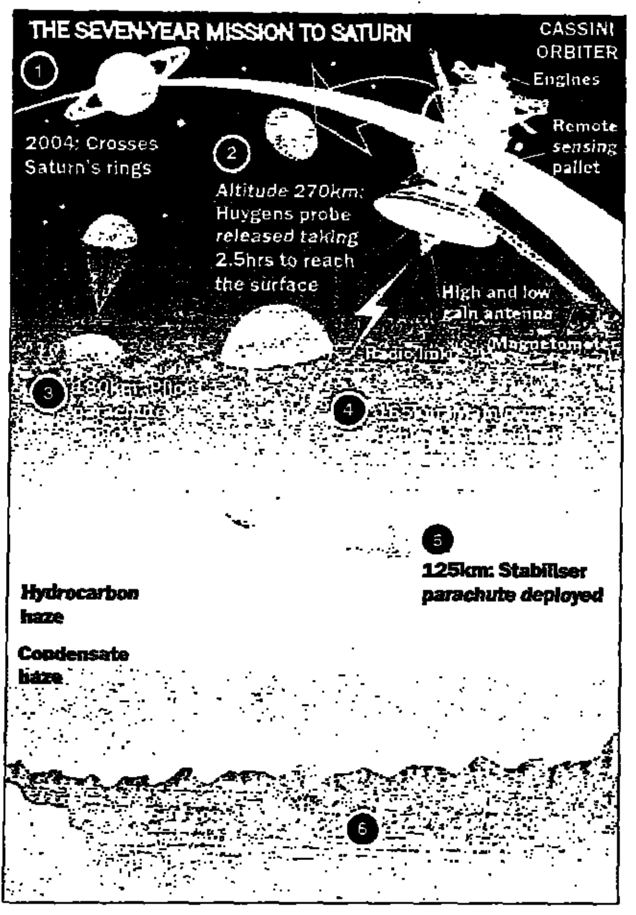


An artist's impression of the probe when it approaches Saturn. It is not expected to get there until 2004 and then begins a four-year orbit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Biggest space probe ready for £2bn voyage to Saturn

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE century's last great planetary probe — and the biggest spacecraft to be sent to the outer solar system — is ready for launch at Cape Canaveral.

British scientists have a big share in Cassini-Huygens, a project that has occupied 4,000 people for the past six years, and will have cost £2.2 billion when it reaches Saturn in 2004. Eleven laboratories have contributed to experiments on the ringed planet and its largest moon, Titan.

As big as a single-decker bus, Cassini-Huygens is the last great hurrah of the era of planetary exploration which began in the 1960s. Future missions will be cheaper and much quicker, but will not have the same capacity to gather information, said Professor David Southwood of Imperial College. "This is the only chance we'll get to go to Saturn in our lifetime."

The mission has two craft which will travel together. Cassini will go into a four-year orbit around Saturn, while the European-built Huygens probe will descend to the surface of Titan, which is almost as big as Mars.

Launch was delayed by a mishap when a cooling blower damaged insulation inside the Huygens probe. Yesterday British scientists said the launch was set for October 13.

There will be a long wait for results. "This is the most massive probe ever launched into deep space, and even with the most powerful rockets it can't go direct to Saturn," said Dr John Zarnecki, of the University of Kent. "We have to use fly-bys of other planets to gain speed."

Cassini-Huygens will make close passes of Venus in April 1998 and June 1999, the Earth in August 1999, and Jupiter in December 2000. It will reach Saturn in June 2004 and will go into orbit around it.

Four months after entering orbit, Cassini will release Huygens, which will approach Titan at 12,000mph. Titan is the only moon in the solar system to have an atmosphere, and Huygens will slow down with parachutes designed by the Martin-Baker company, based near Uxbridge, Middlesex.

After seven years and a journey of more than two billion miles, the probe will have a maximum of half an hour of life to send back data.

Britain is to spend £36 million — 1.5 per cent of the total cost — on the mission. Teams from nine British universities, the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences are involved with experiments.

WORLD SUMMARY

Blast kills island miners

Longyearbyen: A powerful explosion killed 23 Russians and Ukrainians working in a coal mine on the remote Norwegian Svalbard Islands, officials said.

The victims were Russians and Ukrainians working in a mine in Barentsburg, 30 miles west of Longyearbyen, the district capital of the Svalbards.

The islands, 400 miles north of the mainland, have several Russian coal-mining settlements, allowed under a 1920 treaty. The cause of the blast was not known. At least 34 people survived. *(AP)*

Public execution

Moscow: A Chechen firing squad has executed two men in front of a crowd of several thousand people in the Square of the Friendship of the Peoples in Grozny (Robin Lodge writes). It was the second public execution this month and was carried out in defiance of Moscow's protests. The two were convicted by a Sharia (Islamic) court of murdering a mother and her two children during a robbery.

Contest chaos

New York: The Rev Al Sharpton, the black Democrat fighting for his party's nomination for November's mayoral election here, vowed to "fight in court" after a chaotic recount of absentee voters knocked him out of the run-off next week (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Ruth Messinger, his rival, had originally been credited with 39.9 per cent of the vote, but her tally was later put at a winning 41.16 per cent.

Crooner dies

Nice: Georges Guétary, the French crooner whose 60-year career included a major Hollywood role with Gene Kelly in *An American in Paris*, has died aged 82. He was born Lambros Worlou to a Greek family in the Egyptian city of Alexandria. *(Reuters)*

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Bonn shrugs off Kinkel doubts on budget target

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE German Government has played down harmful comments by Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, about the single European currency before the Franco-German summit, which began in the state of Thuringia yesterday afternoon.

Officials from the Foreign and Finance Ministries were quick to "clarify" that Germany had not relaxed its commitment to reaching the Maastricht treaty budget target, despite suggestions by Herr Kinkel that economic and monetary union (EMU) could begin regardless of deficit levels.

In an interview with a German radio station, Herr Kinkel seemed to imply that EMU would happen even if Germany and France had not reached the 3 per cent target set by the treaty, just as Bonn and Paris were both emphasising that the single currency would start exactly as planned. His comments were broadcast as the Bundesbank and the French Government confirmed that the euro would be launched on time.

It is not the first time Herr Kinkel has strayed from the party line on EMU budget deficits. On the last occasion he received a public knuckle-rapping from Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, and Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

But Herr Kohl, who is trying to convince a sceptical public in an election year to give up the mark, will be keen to smooth over problems within his Christian Democrat-Free Democrat (CDU-FDP) coalition for the 70th biennial Franco-German summit, being held in the town of Weimar.

Herr Kohl and Lionel Jospin, France's Prime Minister, are said to have patched up differences over Europe and both are eager to discuss EMU. It is the first time the summit has been held in the old Communist east, but is expected to be fairly low-key, as finance ministers from both sides are attending the International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Hong Kong.

Kinkel: wrong message on single currency

President Chirac and leading Cabinet ministers will also attend the two-day talks, which will cover eastward expansion of the European Union (EU), a proposed European jobs summit in November, and Germany's demand for a reduction in its EU budget contributions.

As discussions got under way, a poll, conducted by the Bavarian Wickert Institutes, revealed that nearly three out of four Germans fear the euro will be weaker than the mark. Only 17 per cent of the 970 interviewed did not share such views and 42 per cent said they were not well enough informed to voice an opinion.

The Finance Ministry denied there was any truth in rumours circulating in foreign exchange markets that Herr Waigel has resigned. A spokeswoman said it was "nonsense" to suggest he had quit following criticism by the chairman of the CDU in the Saar region, Peter Müller. Herr Müller said Herr Waigel's mismanagement of the economy would cost the Christian Democrats the general election next September.

Germans see crowning glory of revamped Reichstag

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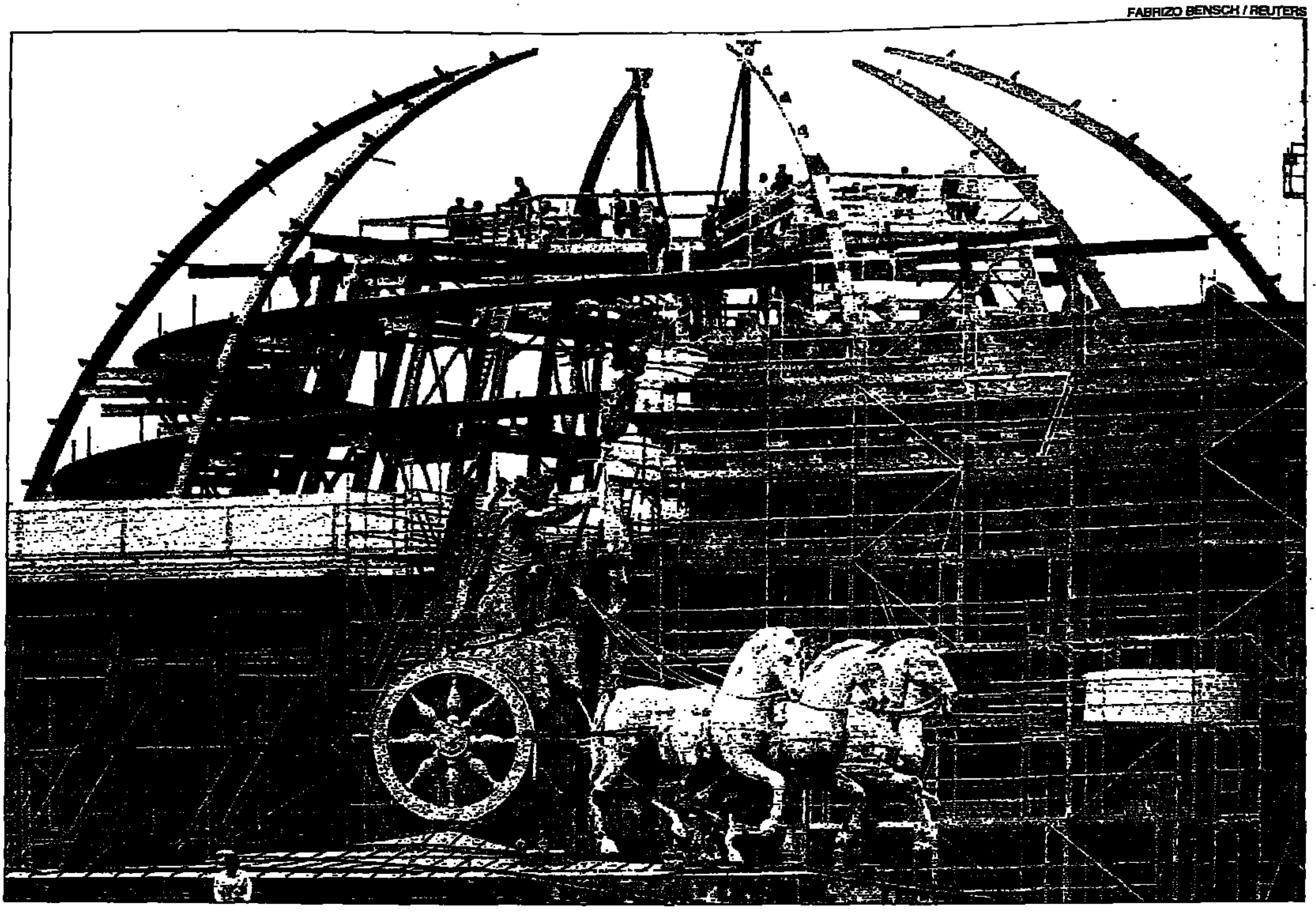


British architect celebrates success

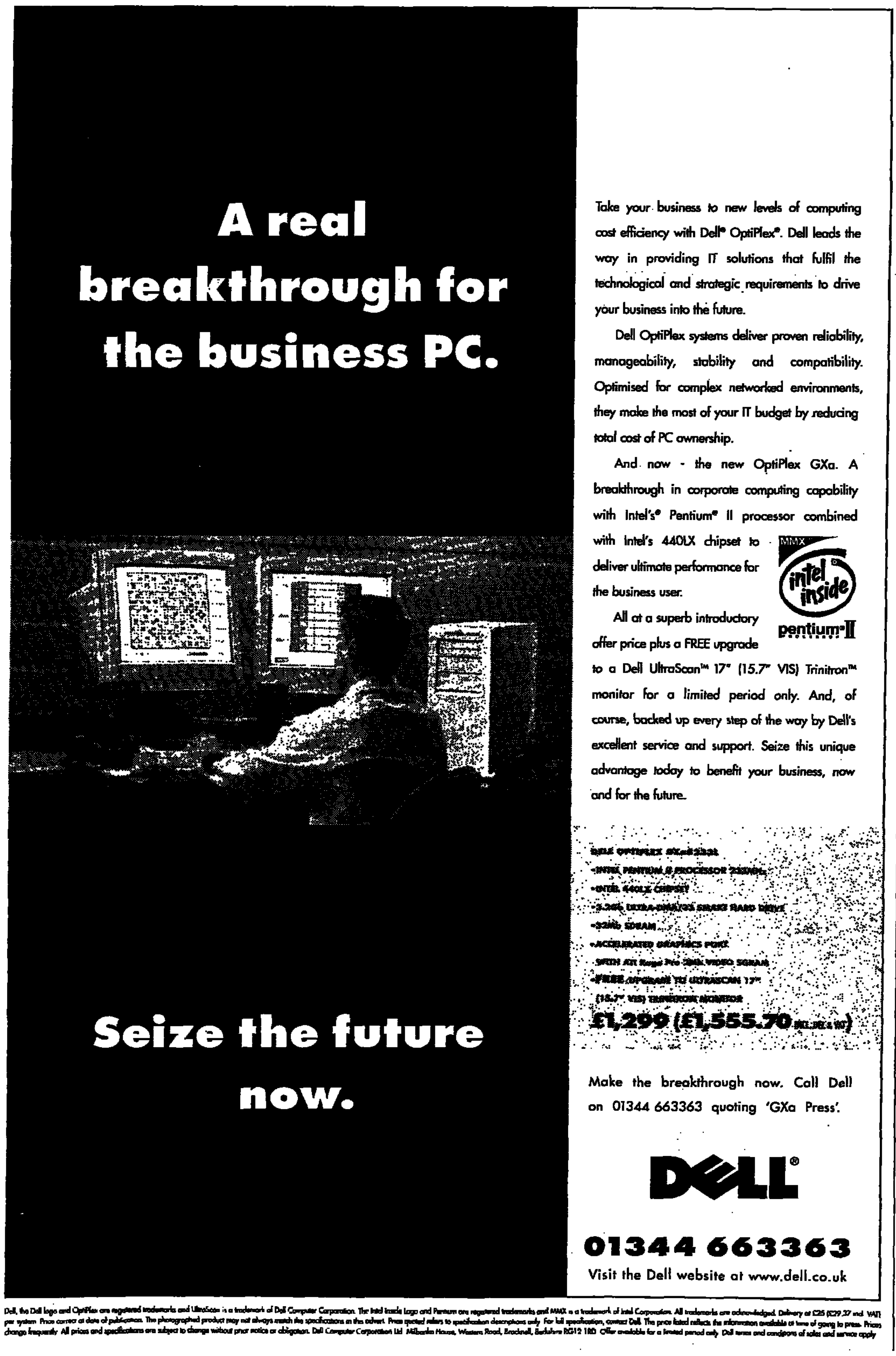
Visitors inspect the Reichstag during a topping-out ceremony in Berlin yesterday. The Quadriga statue on the Brandenburg Gate is in the foreground. Sir Norman Foster, the British architect heading the reconstruction project, and Rita Süssmuth, the president of the Bundestag, the lower house of the German parliament, celebrated together, below, before a new cupola, trimmed with garlands, was lifted on top of the dome. The new design, with its glass additions, retains the grandeur of the original High Renaissance structure while introducing an airy feel. The Reichstag burnt to the ground weeks after Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and was destroyed in the final days of the Second World War. The German Government is to move from Bonn to Berlin in 1999.

Yeltsin hints at deal on Kuriles

Moscow: President Yeltsin yesterday said Russia might be willing to compromise with Japan over the Kurile Islands, when he urged "joint development" of the territory, disputed for a half-century (Richard Beeston writes).

Mr Yeltsin said in the southern town of Oryol he was persuaded that the problem would be resolved after the turn of the century by a younger generation.

Mr Yeltsin clearly hopes to break the deadlock when he meets Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, next month in Krasnoyarsk. The Kuriles are among Russia's most neglected areas and Japanese investment could be the key to their future. Mr Yeltsin may have been influenced by Aleksandr Lebed, his former National Security Adviser, who in Japan this week suggested a 20-year handover of the Kuriles and a referendum.



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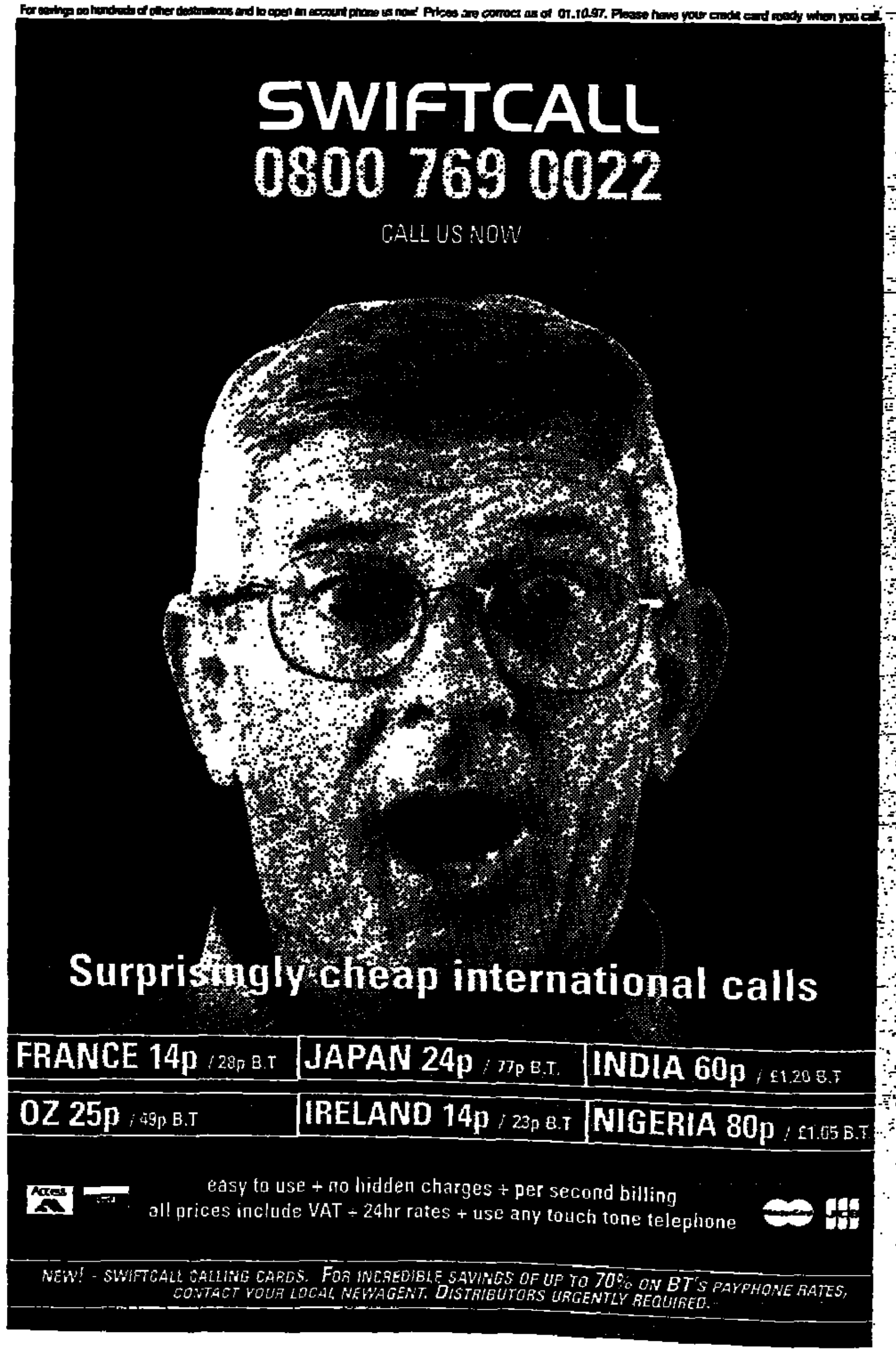

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Leaders condemn Cairo slaughter

Terrorist gang kills ten in midday raid on museum tourist bus

By Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent and Our Foreign Staff

MOHAMMED AL-SEHITI

An Egyptian official in the burnt-out wreckage of the Cairo bus. Terrorists shot at passengers before petrol bombs were thrown. Six of the dead were German tourists

SUSPECTED Islamic militants killed ten people, including six German tourists, on a tourist bus in the centre of Cairo yesterday. Nineteen other Egyptians and tourists were wounded.

Five men disguised as businessmen attacked the bus, carrying 33 tourists, which was parked outside the Egyptian Museum at midday. One man boarded and started shooting. When he saw several tourists escaping through the rear entrance, he threw a petrol bomb inside. He then ran out and put a second bomb under the bus.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said that the attack was "cowardly and contemptible". In Washington, Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, said that it was "barbaric". Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, also strongly denounced the attack.

Fabian Muir, an Australian tourist, said that he and his girlfriend were about 30ft from the buses when they heard shots. "We were walking toward the gate of the museum and suddenly I heard two shots. Then a big flame rose up above the top of the bus." The couple hid next to a wall. "We ducked. We lay down near a low wall. The Egyptian police were shouting to us, 'Get down, get down'," he said.

Amid scenes of chaos, in which many frightened tourists were temporarily locked inside the museum as police struggled for more than 30 minutes to capture the gunmen, a French tourist said: "I was outside the building and saw a man running out of the bus in flames."

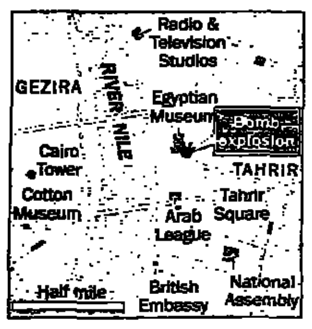
Police sealed off all roads leading to the area close to the central Tahrir Square, the site of earlier attacks against foreigners. An Indian businessman with an office close to the museum said he saw two tourists covered in blood being led away by police.

The Egyptian Interior Ministry said one of the men arrested, Farahat Abu el-Ela, had escaped from a mental hospital where he was being held after killing three foreigners at the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel in Cairo in 1993. His brother Mahmoud was also arrested after the attack. Security sources said the third gunman was shot in the head and was in a critical condition. Two attackers escaped.

Yesterday's attack was seen as a defiant response by the militants, who are fighting for an Iranian-style revolution, to boasts from senior Egyptian security officials that they had been defeated and driven to marginal areas of Upper Egypt 250 miles from the capital. Three days earlier, a court convicted 72 militants of subversion in Egypt's largest terrorist trial. Four were sentenced to death and eight to life imprisonment.

The blow to the tourist industry, vital for Egypt's ailing economy, was described by one Western diplomat as "doubly damaging" because it came as tourism was just recovering from an an earlier wave of Islamist violence.

The most serious attack was in April last year when 17 Greek tourists were shot outside their hotel close to the Pyramids by Islamic extremists who mistook them for Israelis.



Although the main Islamic groups fighting to overthrow President Mubarak and what they describe as his "apostate regime" have repeatedly warned foreign tourists and businessmen to leave the country, their threats have been increasingly ignored since 1995. The Government has contemptuously dismissed peace moves from some of the militants.

According to Arab security experts, the Islamic groups attempting to overthrow President Mubarak are badly split. Yesterday's attack was seen as an indication that one wing remains bitterly opposed to any suggestion of a ceasefire.

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Witnesses tell of gunfight

From Emad Mekay in Cairo

CAIRO'S fashionable and cultural heart was a scene of mayhem with smoke from the burning bus hanging over Tahrir Square.

The pavement beside the bus was strewn with spent cartridges and flooded with water where the fire brigade had tried to bring the blaze under control.

"We first heard an explosion which sounded like a car tyre going off," said Ahmed Ozlab, who watched the attack from a third-floor window overlooking the scene. "As I rushed to the window to see what had happened another explosion followed and the front of the bus was already in flames. All the windows were shattered. Tourists were jumping off the rear of the bus and running away. Some of them were bleeding badly."

A newspaper seller who works near Tahrir Square said he saw the police run after one attacker and catch him. "He was casually dressed," he said. "When the policemen caught him the crowds shouted *'Allahu Akbar'*."

"I was sitting in the coffee shop," said Maga Bohn, a Danish tourist at the nearby Nile Hilton. "I heard the shots. We went to see what was happening but the police pushed us back."

Mr Ozlab said: "They [the terrorists] were shooting in the air at first for at least ten minutes but later they were shooting at the police. One of the terrorists was hiding under the buses, another was running between them. Later we saw the armoured cars of the police commandos arrive. It was they who arrested the terrorists."

By midday all that remained of the bombed bus was a blackened skeleton of seat frames and broken windows.

At least three other buses were riddled with bullet holes. One bullet neatly punctured the glass above a driver's seat, where he had placed a Koran in the window.

Violence likely as settler deal is spurned

By Christopher Walker

ISRAEL is braced for widespread Palestinian violence today after an aide to Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, dismissed as a "trick" an Israeli compromise to end the occupation by Jewish settlers of two former Palestinian houses in annexed east Jerusalem.

Israeli security sources said the Government had been warned that Palestinian resentment would be whipped up by speakers at mosques during Friday prayers in east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Arab anger was likely to spill on to the streets.

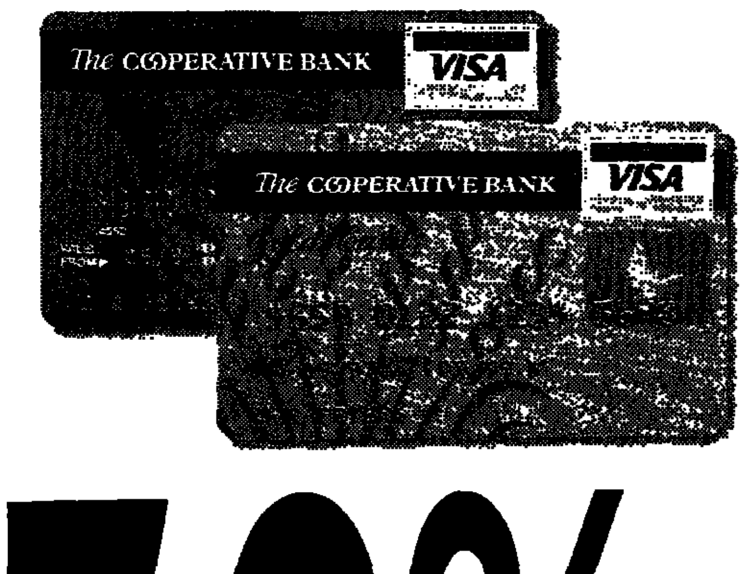
The complex political deal was hammered out after hours of talks involving Irving Moskowitz, the American Jewish multimillionaire who financed the purchase of the disputed houses at Ras al-Amoud, overlooking al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine. Under the deal, the three families who moved into the buildings under cover of darkness would voluntarily move out, but ten Jewish *yeshiva* (seminary) students would be allowed to live in the premises, which would become a religious school.

The Palestinian Cabinet was in emergency session in Gaza last night to formulate its official reaction to the deal.

Ahmed Tibi, a senior aide to Mr Arafat, said the Israeli Government had "now given legitimacy to the presence of the so-called *yeshiva* students". He said on Israel radio: "Mr Netanyahu will be responsible for the reaction."

Meanwhile, the Israeli death toll in clashes in Lebanon this month rose to 16 yesterday when an Israeli officer, 21, was killed by an anti-tank rocket fired by Hezbollah guerrillas.

☐ **Babies abducted:** A former senior Israeli figure, Rabbi Menachem Porush, has broken a decades-long silence to confirm that authorities snatched hundreds of babies from Yemeni Jewish immigrants nearly 50 years ago and gave them to European-born Jews for adoption. *(Reuters)*



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Ugandan cult rebels 'use children as sex slaves'

Rights groups say kidnapped teenagers must fight or die in the Lord's Resistance Army, reports **David Orr**

THOUSANDS of children from northern Uganda are being forced to take up arms and serve as sexual slaves by a rebel group which aims to rule Uganda according to the Ten Commandments.

Most of those abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and turned into child soldiers are aged between 13 and 16. The children, say two newly published human rights reports, are made to take part in combat, act as personal servants and, in the case of girls, to serve as "wives" to rebel commanders.

Between 5,000 and 8,000 children have been conscripted in the past three years, according to Amnesty International. In a report, *Breaking God's commands: the destruction of childhood by the Lord's Resistance Army*, the organisation says children are being tortured, murdered and trained by the LRA to fight government troops.

Amnesty's findings are corroborated by those of the New-York based Human Rights Watch, which claims that kidnapped children are made to undergo brutal initiation ceremonies. These involve beating and hacking to death fellow child captives who had tried to escape.

Using testimony from children who have escaped, Amnesty paints a picture of abuse and trauma. Children who refuse to comply with rebel commands are starved, raped and whipped.

"The commander gave us husbands, except for the young ones, those below 13," said one former child soldier. "But from 13 onwards, we were all given as wives. There was no marriage ceremony. If you refuse, you are killed."

The abduction of girls and their forced marriage to older LRA soldiers is the cornerstone of the movement's internal organisation, said Amnesty. Girls are allocated as a reward and incentive for male soldiers. "If a husband gets tired of his wife, he gets rid of her and she is given to someone else," said a counsellor working with former child soldiers in Uganda. "Within a one-year period, girls would have seen many husbands."

Nearly all female escapees were found to have syphilis or other sexually transmitted diseases. Counsellors say that all kidnapped girls eventually fall victim to rape by the head of the LRA "family" to which they are allocated.

Museveni: guerrillas want to depose him

Children who escape are often afraid to go home for fear of reprisals against themselves and their families, said Human Rights Watch. The conflict is believed to have displaced more than 200,000 Ugandans.

The LRA, which terrorises villages in northern Uganda, might be dismissed as a band of crazed eccentrics were it not for the havoc it sows. Bicycles are outlawed by the movement and those caught cycling have their feet hacked off. There are also reports of peasants having their ears or lips cut off.

A weird cultish belief dictates that all white animals, and all pigs, must be slaughtered. Farmers found working on Fridays — like Sunday, deemed a day of rest — are killed. The LRA, committed to the overthrow of the Government of President Museveni, is supported by the Islamic fundamentalist Government of Sudan. The movement has been receiving arms from Khartoum in return for helping in attacks against Sudanese People's Liberation Army rebels in southern Sudan.

Military sources in Uganda indicate, however, that Sudan has recently cut off supplies to the LRA, forcing hundreds of its fighters back into Uganda.

The LRA has its origins in the fragmentation of government forces after the 1986 overthrow of Milton Obote's dictatorial regime by President Museveni. Some die-hards from the Acholi tribal area of the north took to the bush, where they joined the Holy Spirit Movement of the self-styled priestess, Alice Lakwena. After a period under the leadership of Lakwena's father, the movement was taken over by Joseph Kony, her cousin, who renamed it the Lord's Resistance Army in 1993.

HEKTOR PUSTINA/AP

Doctors treat Azem Hajdari after he was shot by a fellow MP yesterday

Albanian MP shoots rival in parliament

By Richard Owen and James Pettifer

ALBANIA experienced its first serious political violence since the June election which brought the Socialists to power when a leading supporter of Sali Berisha, the ousted right-wing President, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday inside the parliament in Tirana.

Azem Hajdari was recovering in hospital after being shot by Gafur Mazreku, an MP from the ruling Socialists.

Mr Mazreku was no longer an MP but an "ordinary criminal", said Fatos Nano, the Prime Minister, adding the he would be relieved of his seat. The Socialist-dominated assembly voted to lift Mr Mazreku's parliamentary immunity so that he could be charged with the attempted murder of Mr Hajdari, who doctors said had been wounded in the lungs, legs and shoulders.

The two men had earlier come to blows in parliament during a debate on Tuesday on proposals by Arben Malaj, the Finance Minister, to raise value-added tax.

The roots of the shooting appear to lie rather deeper than a difference over economic policy, however. Tensions have run high between Right and Left since Mr Nano, a political prisoner under Mr Berisha, became Prime Minister after the June elections. The elections brought to an end the Democratic Party's dominance of post-Communist Albania, and rightwingers have complained that the former Communists have since "persecuted" the defeated Right and stifled its voice by refusing it television time.

Mr Hajdari was a prominent student leader during the anti-Communist revolt in 1990-1991 led by Dr Berisha, the former heart surgeon who became President in 1992.

But suspicion of the former Communists and resentment of their cruelty when in power under the detested Enver Hoxha remained strong. Mr Hajdari, known for his fiery oratory and temperament, was notably tough in his dealings with the Socialists during his period as head of the parliamentary public order and security committee, which oversees the police and security services. Socialist demonstrations were broken up and left-wing leaders were detained and beaten.

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Jiang purges key 'liberal' rival for leadership

From James Pringle in Beijing

THE third most powerful man in the Chinese leadership, the secretive but seemingly liberal Qiao Shi, was dropped from the Central Committee of the Communist Party in a surprise move yesterday as President Jiang Zemin consolidated his position as party chief.

Mr Qiao, 72, who is chairman of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, and credited with making it less of a rubber-stamp body, was the most senior figure in the leadership who had differences with the President, despite claims of unity after the death in February of Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader and architect of China's market reforms.

Mr Qiao's departure from the Central Committee means he loses his position as one of the six members of the standing committee of the powerful Politburo. President Jiang has therefore lost a potential rival.

There had been speculation about Mr Qiao's future ranking in the standing committee, but never any suggestion he would step down. "He has retired," said one Chinese official, a former security chief who is now a political moderate.

Another standing committee member, General Liu Huaqing, 81, the country's senior military leader who was also considered a rival to Mr Jiang and sixth in the hierarchy, was also dropped, but his departure was less surprising on account of his age.

Younger Politburo members were elected yesterday and Beijing will announce the complete line-up today. Chinese sources said last night it was virtually certain that the unpopular Prime Minister, Li Peng, who must step down in March after two terms, would be given Mr Qiao's parliamentary chairmanship.

Mr Qiao, who has done much to begin to build the rule of law in China, would end up out in the cold along with his protégés, the sources added. Diplomats said that giving a parliamentary position to a hardliner such as Mr Li, who signed the martial law order that sent troops into Tiananmen Square in June 1989, would send the wrong signal to the world about Chinese reforms. Some Chinese officials indicated that Mr Li's move into Mr Qiao's post was not definite. "You will see better by the end of the year," one said.

The week-long party congress, with 2,048 delegates, adopted a programme of sweeping economic reforms, including selling or declaring bankrupt many state-owned enterprises, while approving political changes to take China into the 21st century. The Chinese media hailed the congress as breaking new ideological ground.

To some Chinese, Mr Qiao's fate was not surprising. "There was never any doubt this would happen," one office worker said. "Qiao was a man of ability and thus dangerous in Jiang's eyes." The last senior leader to lose his position was the former party chief, Zhao Ziyang, who was purged after apparently showing sympathy for demonstrating students in Tiananmen Square just before the crackdown. "It is almost unprecedented for someone of Qiao's stature to be unceremoniously dumped like this," one analyst said.

China's leaders concede that the next few years could prove the most difficult of the reform process. President Jiang's efforts to make state industries more efficient could increase unemployment and encourage corruption, with officials trying to buy state assets below their value. "It doesn't matter to me who is up and who down," said a Beijing taxi-driver last night after the congress had ended. "We common folk will still be doing the same thing."

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Bitter cup: Qiao Shi, right, and Zhu Rongji, the Deputy Prime Minister, being served tea at the congress in Beijing yesterday

World Bank signals boom time for China

For economists, the barometer is firmly set fair, **Jonathan Mirsky** writes

CHINESE economic development has been so rapid that, if China's 30 provinces were counted as individual economies, the 20 fastest growing economies in the world between 1978 and 1995 would have been Chinese, the World Bank said yesterday, forecasting further strong growth.

Although the bank describes a possible disastrous downturn, its outlook is optimistic. "Can China meet its challenges? We believe it can," said Vikram Nehru, main author of a World Bank report on the Chinese economy.

The bank is holding its annual meeting in Hong Kong and its report is rich in superlatives about the China phenomenon. It underwrites this confidence by lending China more money than any other country, $3 billion (£1.8 billion) last year and a total since the early 1980s of $28 billion.

Over the next 25 years it expects the Chinese economy to undergo a transformation which, the report claims, took about 65 years in Latin America and 80 years in the world's most advanced economies.

These changes, the bank forecasts, "will stretch China's social fabric to the limit", as hundreds of millions of people move to better jobs, agriculture gives way to industry and urbanisation increases. Within 50 years the average Chinese will no longer be a farmer but an employee in either industry or services.

The bank projects two future models for China. One, considered a far less likely scenario, is China becoming the first significant example in East Asia of rapid growth followed by stagnation.

The decline would be characterised by increasingly inefficient state industries, already leading loss-makers in the national economy, and widening disparities in wealth between regions, country and city, and the sexes.

Poverty and rural migration would increase, with cities becoming "tinderboxes of tensions". Sustained government action was needed to avoid this scenario, the bank said.

Nicholas Hope, the bank's former Country Director for China, yesterday described East Asian corruption as "a cancer". He said the absence in China of clear definitions of ownership was an obstacle to foreign investment.

In its list of China's systemic problems, however, the bank offers no comment on the role of the party or the absence of democratic institutions. Yesterday the current Country Director for China, Yukon Huang, observed that the party is "a cohesive forum for debate", and Mr Hope noted the beginnings of what he called Chinese "village democracy".

In its more optimistic scenario for the country, the World Bank foresees a "competitive, caring and confident China" in which poverty will have been eliminated, according to Mr Huang. Mr Nehru anticipated an environmentally cleaner China with a functioning legal system. It would be the world's second largest trading nation, able to feed its population largely with its own resources but also buying food on the world markets. In the optimistic model, China would be fully intregrated into the world economy, as a customer, supplier and investor, and with a "greater weight and voice in international institutions".

China's particular strengths, the World Bank observes, are its high rate of savings, its "pragmatic" reforms, a disciplined and relatively well-educated work force — and rich overseas Chinese who are eager to invest in the country of their ethnic and cultural origin.

Although women suffer discrimination, Mr Nehru said yesterday, their status was higher than in most other Third World countries. The report observes that education in China, while still limited for most people, is better than the Third World average.

> ‘Poverty will cease in the competitive, caring and confident nation’

UN warning on food crisis in North Korea

Kuala Lumpur: North Korea, hit by drought, tidal waves and floods, faces a shortage of 1.9 million tonnes of grain over the next year, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said yesterday.

"We expect 700,000 [tonnes] should be provided through commercial means, but there would be a deficit of 1.2 million tonnes of grains, which would require international assistance," said Jacques Diouf, the FAO Director-General. World Vision, the American aid group, said this week that between 500,000 and two million people had died from starvation in North Korea, although other experts doubt the figure is that high.

Pyongyang had appealed to the international community for seed, fertiliser, pesticides and heavy earth-moving equipment, M Diouf said.

In Seoul, the South Korean Red Cross said it would ship its last batch of 50,000 tonnes of relief, including 7,552 tonnes of flour, potatoes and powdered milk, to the North this month. *(Reuters, AP)*

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A robbery, a reporter – and somewhere a cellar full of masterpieces

The FBI think it knows who committed the US art theft of the century, but not where the pictures are hidden. However, a journalist may have the key, says **Barry Wigmore**

Connor Jr: master thief

The rendezvous was in the small hours, when streets are empty and an FBI tail is easy to spot. A car picked up Tom Mashberg, a reporter for the *Boston Herald* newspaper, on a street corner and took him on a zigzagging route around the city, the driver nervously looking in his rear-view mirror all the time.

He whispered into a walkie-talkie radio to friends in a backup car who were making sure no one was in pursuit. Eventually, the car pulled up outside a warehouse in a rundown neighbourhood and Mashberg was quickly ushered in.

They went through a series of padlocked doors, each one opened by the rubber-gloved guide with keys from a large ring. What Mashberg saw by torchlight in the creaking warehouse that night could solve the mystery of America's art theft of the century. It has certainly had FBI men running round in circles, scratching their heads in frustration.

From a dusty tube the man in rubber gloves pulled what appeared to Mashberg's untutored eye to be *Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, a Rembrandt. The painting is one of a dozen works by such artists as Vermeer, Manet and Degas that were stolen seven years ago from a Boston museum. The paintings have been valued by experts at anything from $500 million up.

With a flourish, the man pointed out Rembrandt's signature. "I was almost expecting a fanfare of trumpets, he was so proud of it," says Mashberg. Waving towards six or seven similar tubular containers packed in a large, dark canvas bag at the bottom of the storage bin, the man said: "That's the rest of them." But he did not offer to show any more.

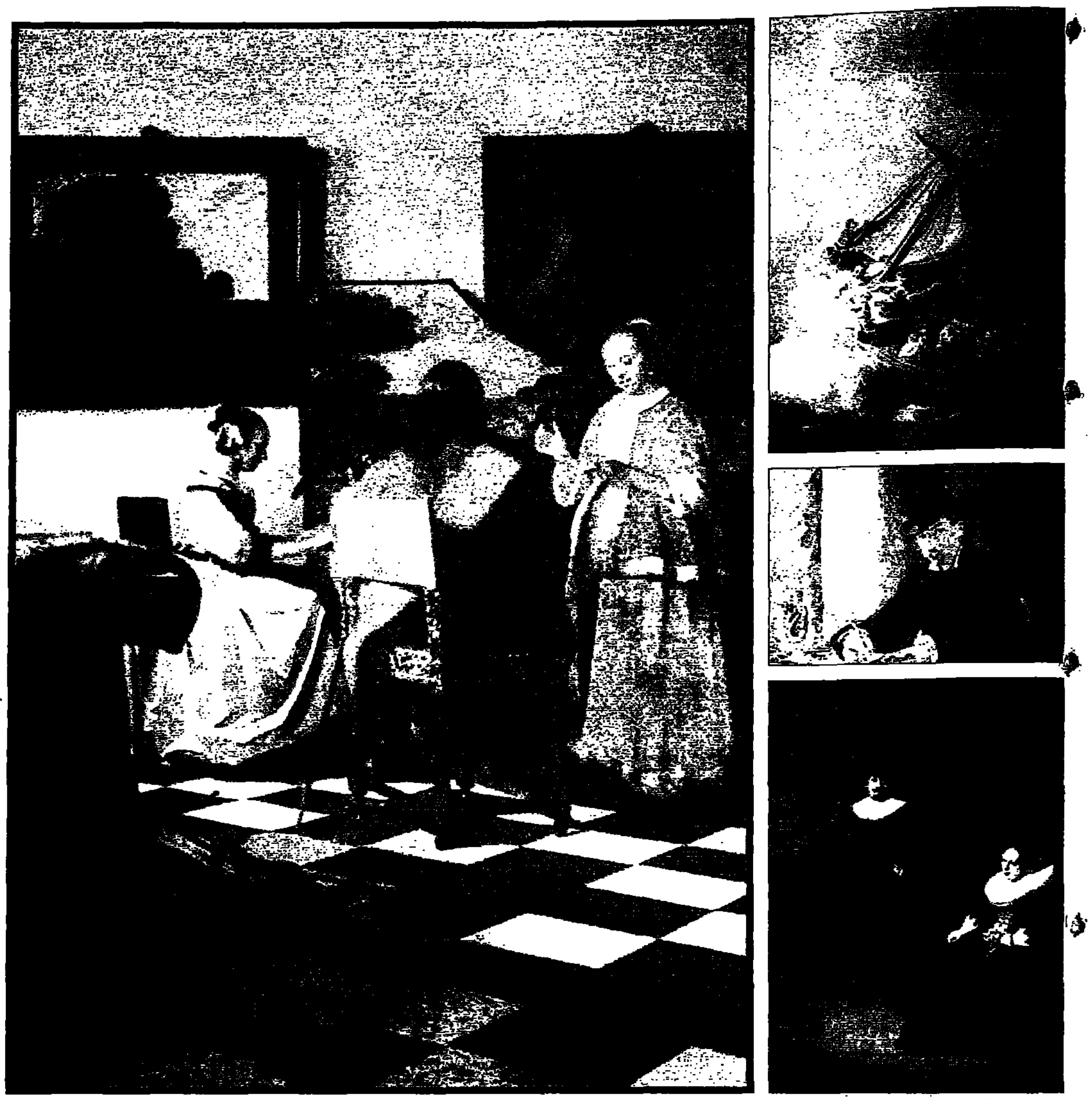
Mashberg was hustled out of the warehouse, pushed into a waiting taxi that had been hailed by his guide's companions, and warned not to hang around or try following them. "We're moving the stuff right now, so it won't be here if you come back," said his guide.

It was only the beginning of a bizarre story — not so much a whodunnit as a where-are-they-now. "To tell the truth," says Mashberg, a 37-year-old investigative journalist, "I felt a little silly being caught up in the middle of all this cloak-and-dagger stuff." As the days unfolded, however, he realised he was a key player in a remarkable story of intrigue and double-dealing.

In the early hours of March 18, 1990, two men dressed as policemen forced their way into Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. They tied up the guards at gunpoint and in minutes cut the priceless paintings from their frames. The works included: *The Concert*, one of some 40 known works by Vermeer; two Rembrandts — the *Sea of Galilee* and *A Lady and Gentleman in Black*; a Manet; five works by Degas; an oil on an oak panel by Govaert Flinck; and a Chinese bronze beaker from 1200 BC.

The FBI launched a huge search, enlisting through Interpol the art-theft squads of police forces in Britain, several other European countries, and Japan. The Gardner Museum put up a $5 million reward.

Investigators deduced that a five-man gang had staged the robbery — the two who went inside, and three outside. Over the years they established that two Mafia hold-up artists, who are now dead, were members of the gang. They have been named in American papers as Robert Donati, a well-known Boston Mob enforcer, and David Houghton, a member of a gang of New England art thieves in the 1950s and 1960s, famous as a trusted "stand-up guy" who kept his mouth shut whenever he was questioned by the police, which was often.


Clockwise, from left: *The Concert*, by Vermeer; *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, by Rembrandt; *Chez Tortoni*, by Manet; and Rembrandt's *A Lady and a Gentleman in Black*. The four paintings are part of a dozen works that were stolen from a Boston museum seven years ago

Houghton, it is believed, was the original keeper of the stolen works of art. But the trail went cold with his death, apparently from natural causes. The FBI investigation stalled.

Two years ago the US Justice Department announced an amnesty, saying that the statute of limitations on the theft had run out and that, therefore, the thieves themselves — if they were finding the paintings too hot to sell — could return them and claim the reward. No questions asked. But still there were no takers.

Until four months ago, that is, when Mashberg, hearing a whisper from one of his contacts, started digging around again. His inquiries led to William Youngworth, a Boston antiques dealer and a longtime friend of a well-known art thief, Myles Connor Jr.

Connor, 54, could not have been involved in the Gardner Museum theft, however. He was in jail at the time, in the seventh year of a ten-year sentence for drug trafficking. Sentencing Connor, the judge had told him: "You are an habitual criminal. Society doesn't like you, and in this court, I am society."

Connor is a master thief, specialising in art and antiques, says the FBI. His record includes a 1966 gun battle with police in which an officer was critically wounded as they moved in on the stolen goods from another museum robbery. Connor was jailed for six years.

> With a flourish he pointed at the artist's signature

Of supreme relevance to the Gardner theft is a deal that Connor struck with prosecutors in 1975. In court accused of stealing Andrew Wyeth paintings from a Maine mansion, he pleaded guilty, but escaped a jail sentence by telling police where to find a $5 million Rembrandt that had been stolen from the Boston Museum of Fine Art.

The FBI now believes that Connor organised the Rembrandt theft to use as a bargaining chip to get out of jail. They also believe that he masterminded another theft when he faced a murder charge in 1985. A few months before the trial, the first page of the 350-year-old Royal Charter issued by King Charles I to Boston's colonial founders disappeared from the Massachusetts state archives.

Connor jumped bail while the jury was deliberating. He was found not guilty anyway. A week later police raided an apartment belonging to one of his friends and found the missing charter among a pile of Connor's papers.

Now it seems, with Youngworth as the go-between, he is trying the same ploy to get the last three years chopped off the sentence he is now serving.

Mashberg believes he is being used as a public messenger to pressure the authorities into doing a deal. On the day that his story about the warehouse visit was published, US marshals escorted Connor in handcuffs from an Illinois jail to Boston for the local FBI to question. He is still in custody in Boston, but with neither side trusting the other, negotiations have broken down. Youngworth has told the FBI he can broker the return of the Gardner paintings. He and Connor want the $5 million reward, and Connor wants to be set free. That could be a big problem, because the judge who jailed him would have to agree … and he obviously does not like Connor.

As a sign of good faith, Youngworth returned a small wax seal that was missing from the Charles I charter when it was recovered. Police retaliated by raiding Youngworth's home and charging him with possession of unlicensed guns and a small amount of marijuana. He went into hiding in New York with his lawyer, protesting he was being harassed for trying to do a public service.

The FBI, who have spoken informally to Mashberg, believe Youngworth was his guide that night. Protected by the First Amendment, and acting on the advice of his newspaper's lawyer, Mashberg can give only an embarrassed "no comment" to that question.

Can Connor deliver? Or is it all an elaborate hoax? Mashberg believes that because of the way he arrived at Youngworth's door, the painting he saw is genuine. "Why would they take such elaborate steps for a hoax?" he asks. "Even if a deal is done, no one's letting Connor out of jail until experts authenticate those paintings."

So, it seems, somewhere in a lock-up warehouse or a dark cellar in Boston today, the proceeds of the art theft of the century sit gathering dust. But perhaps not for long — Mashberg says he expects another exciting development next week.

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Dorian Jabri talks for the first time about his private and political partnership with Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Interview by **Mary Ann Sieghart**

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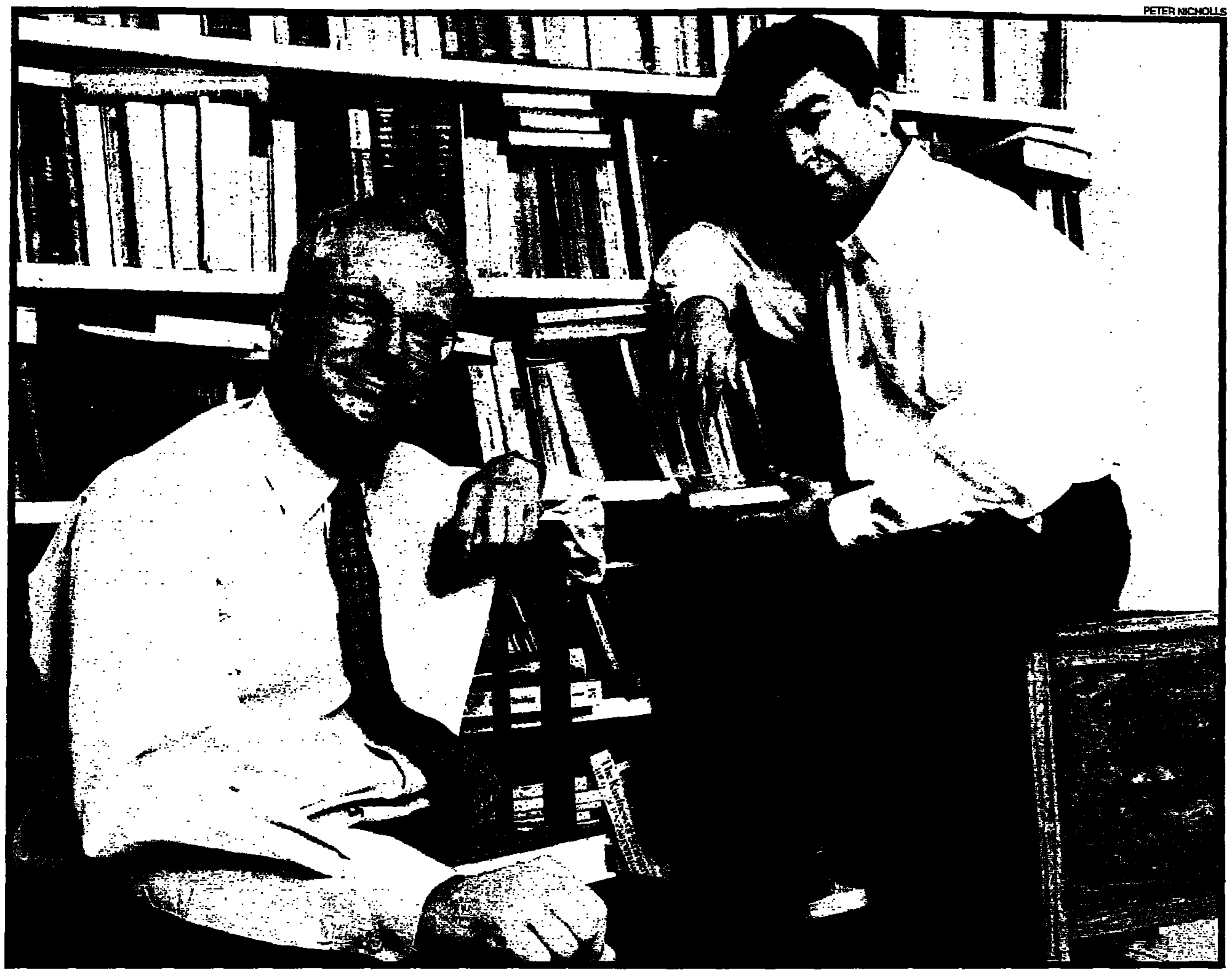

Chris Smith, left, and Dorian Jabri, who says: "There's still a great deal of homophobia around but it has not touched us because Chris is so open, and because of what we do and who we see"

Next month, Dorian Jabri will go to his first party at Buckingham Palace, a private reception hosted by the Prince of Wales. It will be a first for the Palace too, for Jabri has been invited not in his capacity as communications director of the Teacher Training Agency (TTA), but as the gay partner of Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Jabri sees it as a sign of the growing maturity and tolerance of the country that the accession to the Cabinet of Britain's first openly gay MP has hardly been remarked upon. After Smith came out to a standing ovation at a rally in Rugby in 1984 — "My name is Chris Smith, I'm the Labour MP for Islington South and I'm gay" — he remained the only self-confessed gay in the House for 13 years. Now he has been joined by three more: Ben Bradshaw, Stephen Twigg and Angela Eagle, all fellow Labour MPs.

Jabri, who clearly both admires and adores his partner, says: "I am so proud of what Chris has done. He did something which was incredibly courageous in public life. That, I think, is the reason why he's been re-elected with increased majorities every time, because local people, whether they believe in lesbian and gay rights or not, respect that honesty."

The two men met nearly ten years ago, when Jabri joined a delegation to lobby MPs about Clause 28, the measure that made it illegal for local authorities to promote homosexuality. Jabri asked Smith to speak at a conference; when he sent the MP the details, he included an invitation for a party he was giving: "He came along to the party and, you know, there we are!"

A matter of months later, they were living together, and soon afterwards they bought their own place in Islington. Now 34, Jabri feels the same level of commitment to the 46-year-old Smith as he would if they were married. "We both think it's for ever. We are loyal in the fullest sense of the word to each other."

They celebrate their "anniversary" on December 19 each year, and greatly value their time together. "We ensure that we always, always holiday together [this year in Umbria, previously in Tuscany]. Summer is important to us. Seeing our friends is important. So is our home life, and that has to be a priority — it's like an anchor to Chris." Because the Secretary of State does not get home until late in the evening, dinner tends to take place at about 11pm. "We both think that having dinner together is important. Either he or I will cook. It's a time to catch up on our day."

Is he ambitious for Smith? "Hugely!" Is Smith ambitious for him? "Absolutely!" Jabri sees himself as Smith's informal special adviser on the arts. And, because of his PR experience, he "reviews" Smith's media interviews. "I can always sit down with Chris and say 'You shouldn't have said this.'"

Jabri, who describes himself as Assyrian, was born in Iraq but spent much of his childhood in Beirut. When the civil war broke out, he came to Britain and was educated at City of London School, Queen Mary College, and the London School of Economics. Though his English is perfect, a part-Middle Eastern, part-American burr is still discernible. His parents, who have refugee status, live in Britain too.

> 'Our home life is a priority — it's like an anchor to Chris'

Jabri came out earlier than Smith, at university. But he did not tell his parents until he was in his early twenties. "When my mother made a particularly homophobic comment about a friend of mine who she knew was gay and I just said 'Don't you realise?'" How did his parents react? "Not well." Have they come to terms with it? "It depends what you mean by 'come to terms with it'. I don't think they're thrilled, but I'm also their son."

This is clearly a source of some friction. Asked how they get on with each other's families, Jabri replies: "I get on extremely well with his family . . ." and then tails off. The silence tells its own story. But Smith's parents are "fantastic, incredibly welcoming. They are superb. They are enormously proud of him — and they're Liberal Democrats!"

The two men seem deeply in love. Jabri eulogises about Smith's good qualities: "He's an incredibly nice man, kind and considerate. He really cares. There are very few people whom one would genuinely describe as nice. Plus he has a great sense of humour — brilliant!" This is a view shared by many of Smith's colleagues: one female minister described him as the only Cabinet member she would choose to go on holiday with.

They try to lead as normal a life as any couple. Though lacking children, they have an "incredibly demanding" Tibetan terrier. They go out a lot *à deux* — and in Smith's job, the invitations are as enticing as they are abundant. "It's important to Chris," explains Jabri, "just because he's gay, not to be thought of as single. Most people have caught on to the fact that he has a partner, so the invitations are for 'Chris Smith and partner' or 'Chris Smith and Dorian Jabri'.

"Chris will run through the list of those things we've been asked to go to together and ask if I want to go to them or not. We have a joint diary — otherwise our lives would be impossible. We sit down, usually very late at night, and go through the two diaries." Joint fixtures are more likely to be opera and theatre than football matches.

Jabri claims to have suffered very few embarrassments in his life as a gay political partner. There was one nasty moment outside a West End restaurant, when the two men were kissing goodbye, "as we do with our friends, whether they're male or female", to Sir Richard Attenborough and Ian Holm. "This incredibly drunk man getting into his amazingly vulgar red Rolls-Royce started shouting out a great deal of abuse. What does one do in those circumstances?" The doorman intervened, and the restaurant-owner assured Smith and Jabri that their insulter would never get a table there again.

"One of the reasons I found it so shocking," remembers Jabri, "was because it was so unusual. Of course, there's still a great deal of homophobia around but it has not touched us because Chris is so open, and because of what we do and who we see, it's fine. It's completely acceptable to be gay." Smith is, however, in the perfect job. If he were Defence Secretary, say, life might be trickier.

> 'You can live a doormat existence or take control'

Indeed, compared with most political partners, Jabri is very lucky. Smith has a London constituency, which means that they see each other during the week. His job offers lots of interesting evening engagements to which Jabri can accompany him — if Smith were Social Security Secretary, and the best invitation were to open a benefit office in Wakefield, their time together would be rather less fun. And, because they have no children to worry about, the demanding hours of a Cabinet minister are not such an issue.

Anyway, Jabri himself works 12-hour days at the TTA. He is not inclined to join the ranks of complaining partners. "I think people make too much of it. To be an MP, to be elected in itself, is important enough, and to be in the Cabinet is an enormous privilege. The hours that people keep come with the territory."

He occasionally shares the pressure with friends such as Mo Mowlam's husband, Jon Norton, or Frank Dobson's wife, Janet. But, "while you may moan occasionally, you know that what your partners are doing will make a difference. After 18 years in Opposition they have to get it right. You recognise that."

And because he has his own career, he feels relatively balanced. "There are too many political partnerships where the focus is entirely on the politician and the partner does not do much. You can just give your life to what your partner is doing and lead a kind of doormat existence or you can take control of your own life. Well, I'm not going to sit at home and do my watercolours. There is genuine equality in our relationship because I don't think either of us would envisage anything else."

And anyway, Jabri is passionate about politics himself. "If I weren't, it would be very difficult living with Chris." Is he Blairite? "We're all, *of course*, new Labour," he says, with a mischievous laugh. So would he consider going into politics too? "Good God, no!" he exclaims. "One politician in the family is *quite* enough."

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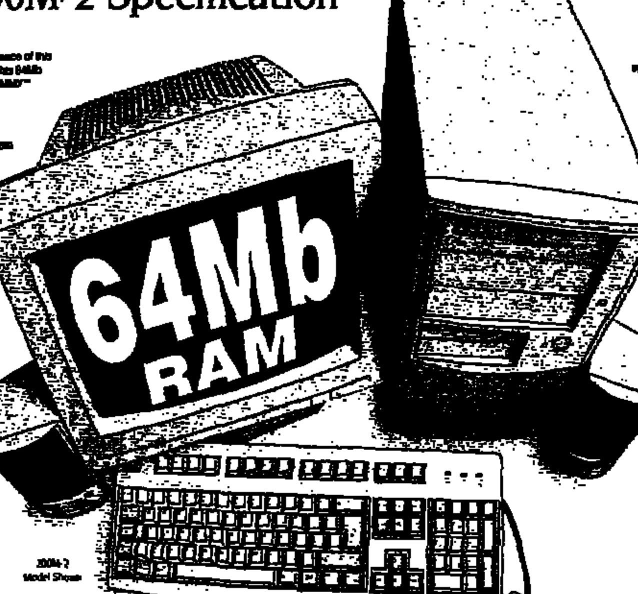

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■ God save us, enfants de la patrie, from the politically correct anthem

The best national anthems are chauvinist, xenophobic and bloodthirsty. Take them for all in all, you cannot give them high marks for poetry or ethics. So Yannick Noah, the sexy black French tennis star, ought to be on to a good thing with his sanitised rap words for the *Marseillaise*. And he is reported to be selling a lot of discs of his single: *Oh Rêve*, Oh Dream, *Citoyens*, Let us at last form a union, *Vivons, Vivons*, Get a Life, Get a Life, *Liberté et Fraternité*.

Noah's shift of message from arms to dreams is impeccably wet and supposedly in tune with youth. The original words of the *Marseillaise*, composed overnight as a marching song for the French armies, drip with gore and glory. "May the filthy blood of our enemies drench our fields." *Entendez-vous, dans les campagnes, Mugir ces farouches soldats* seems too strong for *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, which mistranslates the lines as plonkingly as Molesworth, the curse of St Custard's: "Come together in the countryside/ To lower *these savage soldiers*." Savage aliens cutting the throats of our sons are off message, out of touch and old Labour in this day 'n' age. Noah's version is modern, caring.

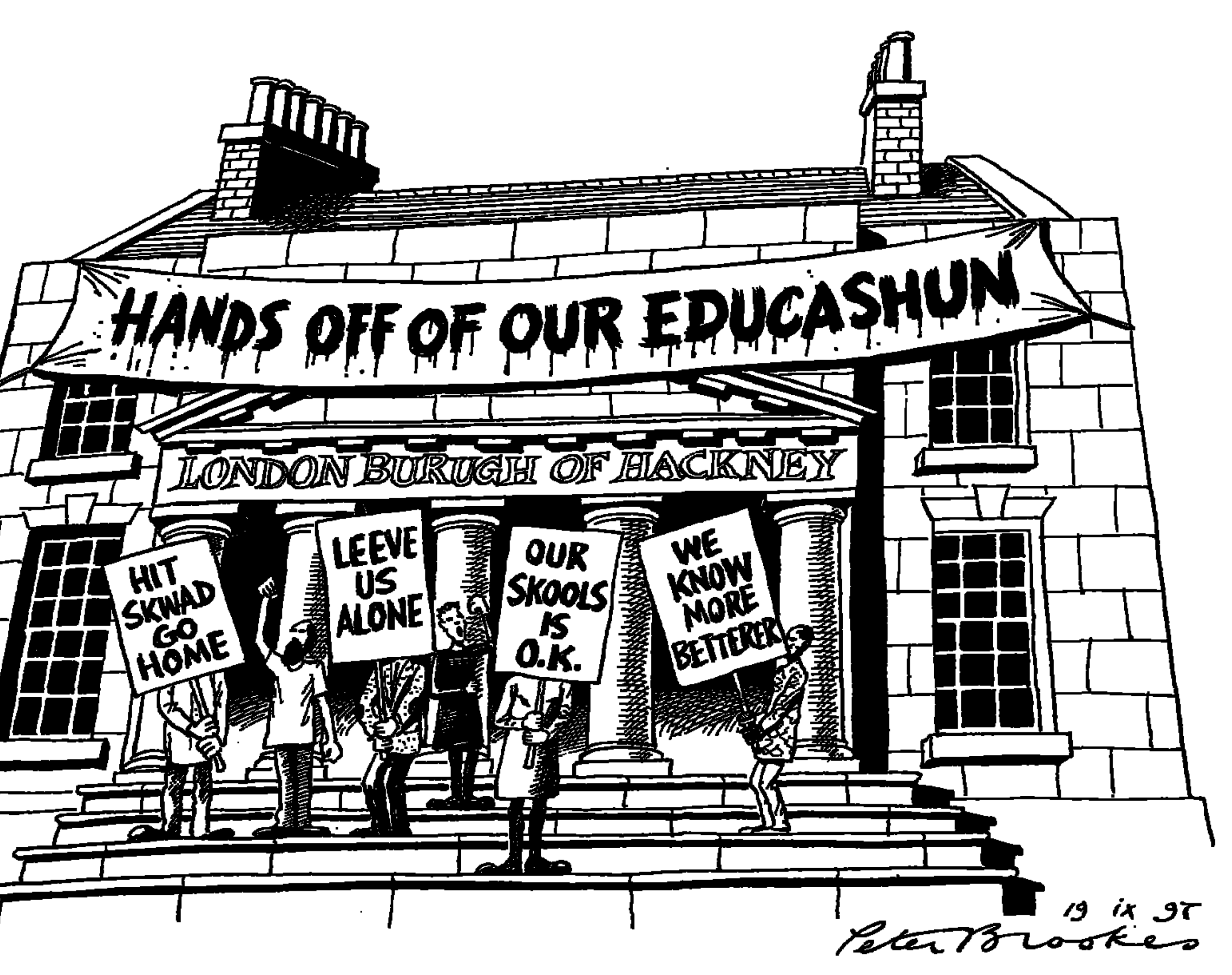
But it does not have a hope in hell of replacing the *Marseillaise*. Forget that tolerance and peace are not the French virtues that come first to mind. Remember *The Toys of Peace*, the story by "Saki". Progressive parents give their children pacifist toy role models from the caring professions. And the children mutilate them into models of war and glory. Blood and battles appeal to the basic instincts of children and national anthems at play.

Pious national anthems are dire. Once it decided to drop *God Save the Queen*, Australia should have adopted *Waltzing Matilda*, which chants the chippy wistfulness and wit of the country, with a tune that we all know. *Advance, Australia Fair* is AWFUL, and deludes Australian children that "girt" is a usable grown-up word. *O Canada! Our home and native land!* wins minus marks for weedy sentiments and *nuls points* for its send-for-the sick-bag stalwart sons and gentle maidens. India has fine words by Tagore, but they are in Bengali and so inaccessible to most Indians.

The national anthems that bring tears to the eyes, even of aliens, express primitive and violent emotions. First equal come the *Marseillaise* and *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which commemorates an obscure engagement in a small war that solved nothing. The words are absurd melodrama. "No refuge could save the hireling and slave/ From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave." But let no wizz-kid advertising poet rewrite the words with clever soundbites about Great Societies or Contracts with America. *The Internationale* and *Deutschland über Alles* were brilliant (inter)national anthems. The Devil does have some of the best tunes, and a fine national anthem does not necessarily signal that it praises a country anybody would choose to live in.

And as for our own dear old *God Save the Queen*, it is not as dreary as it can sound. Its words go back to the Coverdale version of the Old Testament and Udall's play (c. 1540), *Ralph Roister Doister*, and its tune to Purcell and medieval galliards. Parry's setting of Blake's *Jerusalem*, the most popular wedding hymn of the summer, has more rousing music. It starts with four questions to which the answer is "no". I have heard a dotty theory that its "dark Satanic Mills" refer to Utilitarians James and John Stuart. The words of *Rule Britannia* are always sung wrong. The chorus is the only part that we all know. And when called upon, we make the confident but unauthorised statement that the old girl *rules* the waves, instead of singing the poet's stern advice or nowadays wistful command, "Britannia, rule the waves!"

But *God Save the Queen*, when performed to the proper tempi laid down by George V and formalised in an Army Order, can still make the hair bristle. The crowd at Wembley for England's match against Moldova sang it as a tribal warsong. Attempts to change its references to the knavish tricks of enemies to more compassion and caring must and will be resisted.



Heavenwards to hell

For the true mountaineer, fear is enjoyable. That is how I discovered, high in the Andes, that I wasn't one

Matthew Parris

Never let your daughter marry a mountaineer. Serious climbers are seriously weird folk. They are also possessed of an almost unbelievable fortitude. Just how weird, and just how formidable, I have had the chance to discover, climbing this summer in Bolivia.

"We found this Basque," said Yossi to us. "He had been there about a year. The condors had left him in kit form."

"Kit form?" I queried.

"Kit form. Just bones held together by Gortex. Nice outfit. We buried him there and I got a photo sent to the parents. Apparently they were quite touched. Don't think me unfeeling."

Yossi Brain, despite the exotic name, comes originally from Walsall. With two books to his name (*Trekking in Bolivia* and *Bolivia: a climbing guide*, both published by The Mountaineers), he has settled in La Paz and guides and organises expeditions in the Andes. Breaking with Fleet Street tradition, I paid for mine myself, so I can be as rude about Yossi as I like, but the truth is that as a guide he is a total professional and we felt completely safe in his hands. As a human being, however, Yossi is . . . well, *possessed*. "There's about 30 more peaks over there to the south," he gestured. "I reckon I could knock most of them off in a year or so." We looked out over a frozen sea of rocks, needling some 20,000ft into the sky, and wondered why the knowledge that one had *not* climbed them could inspire anything other than a profound sense of relief. "Then there's the complete circuit of Illimani. I've got to put in some work on that. And of course the eastern face."

Pardon me, but *why* the eastern face? The eastern face looks positively homicidal. What was wrong with the western face, the easiest way up?

It was the easy way up Illimani that Yossi took my party and me. But he insisted first that we went on a preliminary trip to Condoriri, a few thousand feet lower, to learn the use of the ice axe, crampons and the climbing rope. Here we were caught in a blizzard, and I managed to fall down a crevasse, providing for the group a lively demonstration of why being roped together and carrying ice axes saves your life. Back at camp, Yossi pointed up at a peak, Cabeza del Condor, shaped rather like Nelson's Column. "There's a German up there, somewhere," he remarked, idly. I knew him well enough by now to know he meant a dead German.

For the ascent of the great Illimani itself (about whose summit *The Times Atlas* is a little generous but which is, in fact, just under 21,500ft), we were now well trained and prepared. Climbing manuals have the cheek to describe this as "*peu difficil*", but be assured that above 20,000ft, climbing into bed, let alone up a peak in a gale, would be ruddy *difficil*. You can't breathe.

Ten thousand feet lower, in La Paz, we set out, breathing easily, in a Toyota Land Cruiser. Passing the suburbs I noticed a dog wearing a ribbon round its neck. I mentioned this to our South American Indian driver, and understood him to observe that it was the dog's birthday. Odd. Then we saw another dog with a ribbon — then two more having birthdays. All the dogs seemed to be decorated for our send-off. Why? I pressed my inquiry. It turned out that this was the Saint's Day of San Roque. "He cured leprosy and was a friend of wild dogs," said our driver. Should one seek an epitaph, one could do worse than "He cured leprosy and was a friend of wild dogs".

But I sought no epitaph — only the limited glory of conquering Illimani. We started by walking to our base camp, Puente Roto, at a little under 17,000ft. Here, spread out on a small, flat meadow beneath the snowline, we watched the sun plunge into an orange sunset as, a hundred miles around, the Bolivian high plain glowed and then darkened at our feet, and the lights of La Paz, the world's most impertinently situated capital, twinkled from the bottom of the canyon into which the city appears to have tumbled. "Tomorrow we climb up there to our high camp at Nido de Condor," said Yossi, including a great arm of rock and snow stretching down towards us. "It's called Chilean Ridge."

"Ah, pioneered by Chileans" I said, brightly.

"No, six fell off in 1989," he replied. "Tomorrow we practise crampons and harness on the grass here, so that *you* don't."

Nido de Condor was some 3,000ft up the ridge, a courtyard-sized snow ledge on the rock. Yossi produced the chocolate, of which he had a seemingly unending supply, the meal which he and his comrade, the ever-cheerful Archie, always managed to contrive, and we slept — as best you can when to turn over in your sleeping bag leaves you panting. I kept awaking, fighting a sort of panic for oxygen, tearing the hood from around my mouth and gasping for the zip of the tent-front, until the cold air, like a knife in the face, drove me back for cover.

After midnight Yossi and Archie conjured porridge and hot chocolate out of somewhere, though at that height water boils too cool to take the glue out of oats. I used a toothbrush to eat it with when I forgot my spoon. Said Yossi: "You can clean your teeth at the same time." It took an age to get the gear on. I resolved to stick to pursuits where the accoutrements do not outweigh the human.

And off we trudged. Who can describe the wretched satisfaction of an iron will, a slow plod and a grim resolve to think of nothing but the next fifty feet? You get a sort of rhythm: miserable, yet strangely comforting. You watch the rope in front of you, lest it slacken, and feel the rope behind, lest it grow taut. Somehow you look back down — a black vastness at your heels, as though the world has fallen into a hole behind you. Somehow you look up. *So many stars!* The snow around you feels like a flying carpet in space, baseless, dropping away on all sides should you stumble. And so hard to breathe.

Very, very slowly, the sky began to tinge with light. Huge glaciers, ice and rock walls, supernatural shapes and colours, loomed out of the dawn. And still each sickening climb, stumbling and ice-axing our way up each slope, seemed to yield to yet another beyond it.

The air had been utterly still. As we clawed out way up into the morning, we saw a distant slope — surely the last? — and edged with sun. There we would reach the sunny side of the mountain. It became a sort of heaven we must eventually reach. All at once we did. Emerging, gasping at the top of the ridge, the sun hit our faces. That decorative plume of what had looked like frozen cloud curving from the ridge, was a 40mph wind rushing up from the eastern — Amazon — side of Illimani, whipping snow and ice particles with it. My goggles frosted up *inside*. When I laboured to take off a mitten to clear them, my fingers went dead. "Frostbite in January, amputate in June," said Yossi cheerfully, as he helped me back into cover. I turned to face the sun and its ice slipstream again. The light was a blinding yellow as the flying ice blasted and stung. The strangest combination of sensations.

To my friends and me, surviving the next half hour was the dominating ambition. But Yossi knew this climb backwards and had already moved on in his mind. He had a couple of volcanoes in Ecuador to knock off. There are 99 summits in the Andes higher than 6,000 metres. Perhaps we shall one day speak of "Yossis" as they speak of Munroes. "Shall we stroll on a bit, then"? he asked us. As he had already started to stroll, and we were all tied to him by a rope, the question was rhetorical. Slaves being led in chains to the waiting galleon must have felt like this.

It was only another 800 yards along that ridge, but it felt like an eternity. The ridge narrowed. Falling away at our feet was Bolivia, Chile and the Pacific to our right. To our left, miles beneath, the stormclouds of the Amazon basin frothed and boiled in an extravagant show of agitated cumulus. We all but crawled the last hundred yards to the highest point on the ridge: a bathroom-sized cockpit on the roof of South America, sheer drops on three sides.

"This is terrifying," moaned Louis.

"*Shut up and enjoy the fear*," said Yossi. I think that is what separates us. I think a true mountaineer just wants to do more and more difficult things, until he dies.

Blair is now the kingmaker

Crown and Church are leaning Left, says **John Lloyd**

Tony Blair has been spending time dabbling in the mysteries of the State — Crown and Church. He had not meant to, but he feels he must. And in doing so, he shows us how frail and yet necessary these institutions are.

Both the monarchy and the Church had gone over, in their different ways, to Labour. Both the Prince of Wales now, and Diana, Princess of Wales, in her life, found new Labour's posture of concern without socialism amenable to their own public discourse, and both drifted into Blair's orbit.

The Church is more obviously radical. The most active and public bishops turned to the Left and social policy has become increasingly pro-interventionist, as the Church's recent report, *Unemployment and the Future of Work* confirms. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, gave the most leftist of the major speeches at the TUC last week; his clergy's experience is one of need and want, which their archbishop distilled into a rhetoric recalling the easy certainties of Tony Benn: "If we choose to run the economy so that it can create more jobs, we can do so."

The Crown and Church came over to Labour because the ground on which they stood — consensus, harmony, care for the underdog, charitable activity — was, or seemed to be, narrowed by a governing Right which emphasised the purity of market outcome. But they also have done so because they are in crisis . . . they have lost the faith, and they need to be saved.

The Crown and the Church are deeply exhausted. The slicing away of the public dignity of both institutions has been both careless and relentless. But the media have been able to feed off the bodies of the two institutions only because they sense the death at their cores. That death is centuries old. Divine Right and the certainty that Christ revealed the truth of God were shaken out of the intelligentsia and much of the political class by the 18th or 19th centuries. Since then we have lived with the melancholy roar of faith's withdrawal, as both institutions make the kind of brilliant displays of form to disguise ebbing content which befit a nation whose literary patron saint is the greatest creator of fantasies in the world.

New Labour has inherited these twin institutions in decline and typically thinks it can Do Something About It. It had the crisis of the monarchy thrust upon it because of the death of Diana. Having made its usual dispassionate reading of the public mood — and being confirmed in its view that the monarchy is here to stay by the Left's fantasy that the response to Diana's death meant it was on the way out — its leader is using his authority with Prince Charles to bring forth a Modern Monarchy. Charles is presently Blair's creature; he depends utterly on the Prime Minister to point him to a path at once demotic and dignified, caring but charismatic, warm but Windsor . . . and so on, through all the familiar new Labour antinomies.

It is likely he will succeed. Lacking a republican mood, and with the support of the Government, the Palace should be amenable to being bumped into this millennial version of modernity — having modernised successfully enough to retain its existence, wealth and privileges for centuries. One of the two main absurdities in Earl Spencer's speech was that Diana did not require a royal connection to attain her lustre in life (the other was that she inhabited a different moral universe from the tabloids); in fact, she acquired such lustre largely from the worldwide recognition of the British Royal Family.

This points up something which was not so evident before her death. The royals have at least partly made the transition to international super-celebrity status; Diana was their creation more than she was her own. In becoming contemporary superstars, the Windsors have secured a new place for themselves in the media galaxy — but it is one which requires careful media management with the attendant paraphernalia of focus groups, media consultants and rebuttal units. Even if the Prime Minister wanted to abolish them, he probably could not.

The Church is at once sadder and wiser. It has no great media lustre even in this country; but some of its priests and bishops are intellectually and morally impressive. It lacks faith, however — except on its evangelical wing, whose semi-fundamentalist enthusiasm cannot stand the test of reason. It has not been able to develop a working model of a faith in which rational people could wholeheartedly believe.

Modernisation thus means shoring up. It means recognising that the Church's ritual is essential for State occasions and is often desired for the private last things. Having recognised that is essential, Blair has moved to try to make sure it is useful, that it does uncontroversial good works, takes part in his efforts to knit together communities and gives ethical support to the family. From having been the Tory party at prayer, it is being shaped as the Labour Party in the community.

There will be no republic, no disestablishment; this was true of new Labour before Diana's death and is even more true of it after. One can sense a rhetorical trope being readied: "The Crown and the Church have served Britain well in the past and can, too, in the future."

New Labour will see to it that they do.

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Game show

CHARLES SPENCER, from the well of grief, stung the Royal Family. Now he has turned his sights on a different blood sport — big-game hunting. He is to present a cinematic debate on the thorny subject of blood sports.

The programme, *Cruel to be Kind*, has been entered in a television festival in Cannes, where it will be screened for the first time next week.

This is the first of a series the earl is to present on "world ethical issues". His debut, a half-hour exploration, will blast the ethics of game-hunting in South Africa, where he moved last year to escape the cheap prints.

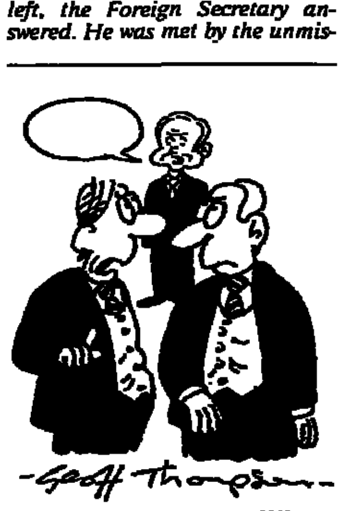
Althorp, the family seat, is a renowned shooting estate, and with his experience as a presenter on American television he was considered the ideal candidate.

I am delighted for the earl, who has displayed such dignity in the face of his sister's death, despite facing the trauma of his wife Victoria filing for divorce in Cape Town last week.

Blood sports are a tricky issue for the Spencers. Although brought up in the accepting atmosphere of the aristocracy, Diana, Princess of Wales, developed ambivalent feeling towards hunting.

Spencer's views are equally complex. "He's against it on principle, but understands that a lot of revenue is generated," says a colleague. The earl's solution? Shooting elephant and buffalo with paintballs.

● *It was long into the night that Robin Cook sat at his desk in Carlton Gardens. The telephone rang from an outer office. Realising that his secretary had left, the Foreign Secretary answered. He was met by the unmistakable tones of a Tory lady: "Is Douglas there?"*



"There goes Wee Willie speaking his mind again"

Cult status

A POSTER advertising the new Oasis single, *Stand by Me*, has just gone on display. It features a photograph of a Moonie "wedding blessing" in Korea, at which 360,000 couples were married.

The Moonies are threatening to sue, claiming breach of copyright. Meanwhile, associates of the Gallagher boys are speculating privately that the rock star brothers might be on the verge of converting. Born Roman Catholics (they are working-class Mancunians), they once suggested that they were "bigger than God".

As one observer comments: "They live for controversy, and you can't get more controversial than joining the Moonies."

● *TWO decades after Sir Edward Heath was commissioned to write his autobiography, he has submitted the first chapter. The book's title?* The Last Laugh. *Surely not a reference to his outliving a certain baroness?*

Everybody out

THERE can be few hotels grand enough to satisfy the discerning tastes of your average union baron. Take John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB. During the TUC conference in Brighton last week he stomped out of the hotel after an altercation with the joint's receptionist.

Problem. He, and other senior union bods, were due to stay there for the Labour conference. But in a fit of anger, Edmonds cancelled. And now they are homeless. "Every bedroom from Brighton to Hove is booked," says a mole. "It looks like they'll be shacking up in B&Bs in Worthing." So who says unions have been marginalised?

THE TIMES DIARY

Howard's end

JACK STRAW, while clearly welcoming his predecessor's policies, is less sure about his taste in art. He is chucking out Michael Howard's gloomy paintings in favour of works by convicts.

"They don't exactly light up the room," says a Straw crony of Howard's collection, which is dominated by dark oils of famous battle scenes. The less militaristic Straw will make his choice from displays at the Koestler Foundation, which encourages prisoners to explore their creative (ie, non-psychopathic) sides.

● *SOME learn arithmetic and the difference between right and wrong at school. Our Education Secretary, David Blunkett, learnt revolution. He tells* The Times Educational Supplement: *"When we had sausages four times in a week I led a delegation to the head and said that if the staff could eat rump steak, then a diet of sausages was unacceptable." In revenge for such major slights we were given socialism.*

Sour note

RUMBLINGS of religious dissent pervade the Elizabethan galleries of Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire. The pad's owner, Henry Dent Brocklehurst, 31, has alarmed his local vicar by suggesting that his forthcoming wedding service should have a Hawaiian theme.

Inspiration for this comes from his talented young fiancée Lili Maltese, who hails from that enchanting outpost. "We are having a Hawaiian wedding party so it would be silly to have an English service," says Miss Maltese, who is to write the words to the service, to be held in Sudeley's chapel next May. "I'd like to write something more warm and informal, more about love and less about obeying. But our vicar is being so funny about it — he doesn't seem keen on the idea at all."

In tune: Henry and Lili

Indeed he is not. "I couldn't possible do it, it would not be legal," rumbles the Rev Michael Page. "They would have to formalise it in a register office."

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DEATH IN CAIRO

The difficult journey to peace and tolerance in Egypt

Egyptians will have been as shocked and angered as were Germans and other foreigners by yesterday's petrol bomb attack on a tourist bus parked outside the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities in the heart of Cairo. Nothing has done more to discredit Islamist extremism in Egypt than the campaign, begun in 1992 by the terrorist group al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, to bring down the Government by hitting the tourist industry. Thousands of Egyptians depend on tourism for a living, and public hostility has been a key weapon in the Government's struggle to stamp out armed militancy.

Yesterday's heavy toll of dead and injured should not obscure the extent of its success. Tourism has largely recovered since 1994 because, although the violent incidents against foreigners that have killed 35 and injured around 80 since 1992 continue, such attacks are now rare enough to make Egypt a safer holiday destination than parts of the United States. This attack does not fit with the Government's recent claims to have beaten back terrorist activity to a few provincial pockets of southern Egypt. But it is probably true that, after a five-year campaign in which more than a thousand Egyptians — mainly police, officials, Coptic Christians and liberal intellectuals — have been murdered, the overall threat from Islamist fanatics has been sharply reduced.

The Government's ruthless defence of the security of the State is justified by the tactics employed against it; but so broad has been its assault on Islamist opposition that the price in civil liberties has been high. The Egyptian Organisation of Human Rights puts the number held under emergency laws that permit lengthy detention without trial at 17,000. Caught in the net along with terrorists are non-violent advocates of an Islamist theocracy and too many of those whose lawful expressions of political opposition should find outlets in a confident society.

Some international criticism of Egypt's record has been facile. When Islamist litigants use the courts to hound such distinguished Muslim scholars as Dr Nasr Abu Zaid for their tolerant interpretation of Islam, and when Islamist academics at Al-Azhar, the leading Islamic university, have issued *fatwas* against "blasphemous" writers, the concept of "non-violent" is itself qualified. In a radicalised environment, it is not easy to find ways for political opposition and for free speech to function effectively without these avenues being abused for anti-democratic ends. President Mubarak, who has himself narrowly escaped assassination, has solid reasons for caution.

But if the Government is correct that Islamist extremism now exercises less fascination than it did for Egypt's generally tolerant people, then this is the time to relax unreasonable constraints on political and press activity. Market reforms have released the economy from the doldrums and growth of more than 5 per cent a year is expanding job opportunities and hope. Rising, though still uneven, prosperity has been matched by an astute and overdue doubling of spending on social services. But political aspirations tend to rise with prosperity, and that challenge too requires a response.

Blatant government manipulation of elections is counter-productive. It engenders cynicism about the political process, demonstrated in the disturbingly low turnout in local elections earlier this year. So is the use of press restrictions to suppress investigations of official corruption. Police and military operations may be the first line of defence against Islamist extremists but openness to political change and debate is the equally important second line.

Egyptian secularism has to find space for the undoubtedly more devoutly Muslim society that Egypt has become; and the Mubarak regime, many of whose most powerful figures have been in power for more than two decades, has to make room for a new political generation. Economically, Egypt is modernising rapidly, but it is politically stagnant. Broader trust in the political leadership is needed to consolidate a victory that must still be judged provisional. Immobilism at the top is not healthy. In still waters, Egyptians well know, mosquitos breed.

BEYOND SHAME

Solid ways to help those cheated by the pensions industry

The indefatigable Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was out "naming and shaming" again yesterday, putting pressure on pensions companies to compensate customers to whom they had mis-sold personal pensions. Unfortunately the scolding seems to have had remarkably little effect. The worst of the companies are still behaving like recalcitrant children who pretend deafness at the sound of a parental admonition.

Yet it is in the interests both of the pensions companies and of the Government that this mis-selling be rectified as quickly and efficiently as possible. The companies are likely to win substantial business from Labour's reform of the welfare state: as stakeholder pensions, insurance for long-term care, and insurance against illness become matters for the private sector rather than the State, the pickings will be rich. But only those companies that have proved their probity will be sanctioned by the State and trusted by the public.

The pensions providers claim that their dilatoriness is not deliberate: they have found it hard to obtain enough details from their customers' former occupational schemes to calculate whether or not the personal pensions sold were bad value. Thinking laterally, a small group of companies led by Legal & General has taken a different approach: offering customers a guarantee, underwritten by a legal indemnity, that if their personal pensions on retirement are worth less than they would have been in the occupational scheme, they will be paid the difference.

This is a far more sensible approach. As long as the guarantees are legally backed, they offer peace of mind to worried pensionholders. Some will be happy to accept the guarantee in lieu of compensation now. Others should be allowed to rely upon the guarantee as an interim measure until their individual cases are settled.

Mrs Liddell should encourage these guarantees as an industry-wide standard. She should also turn her mind to longer-term reform of the selling of financial products. It seems extraordinary that salesmen are still allowed to work on commission in this arcane and complex field. Their incentive is to sell as many products as possible; customers are rarely in a position to challenge their advice. Even now, companies such as the Prudential advertise for salesmen claiming that, on earnings, "the sky's the limit". This is only likely to be true if some people are sold products they do not need or cannot afford.

This is not a business in which "caveat emptor" applies. As in medicine, customers are totally reliant on the advice that they receive from an expert. They need to be able to trust that expert, to be confident that the advice is in their interests alone. Even independent financial advisers cannot be relied upon to give the best guidance: they too earn commission from any sales they make, and will always be tempted to recommend the product that pays them the most.

If the public is to learn to trust this sector again, there is only one solution. Salesmen who work for companies should be paid salaries, not commission. Independent advisers should charge fees for consultation, as accountants do, but receive no reward from the products they recommend. Otherwise, the Government's welfare reforms will be in danger of being undermined by the reputation of its new providers.

I SPY WHAT I EAT

Revealed: the link between espionage and Escoffier

The best recipes, like the best intelligence, are closely guarded secrets. A sous-chef at a fashionable brasserie in St Germain des Prés would be as horrified as the most discreet MI6 controller to be asked to identify his sauces.

And when the bubbly niece of a grand society hostess is cajoled by a jealous rival to part with the secret ingredients of that legendary soufflé, the political bombshell is as devastating as the discovery of a double agent at the very heart of Whitehall. No wonder, therefore, that spies and cooks have so much in common. No wonder that the culinary arts are merely a more decorative and visible manifestation of the black arts of espionage.

Harry Palmer, the determinedly mundane Cockney who brought espionage out of the cold in the 1960s, was always cooking. His speciality was scrambled eggs — a reflection, perhaps, of the obsession at the "office" for scrambling everything (though poaching secrets was also part of the spy's routine).

George Smiley also enjoyed a good meal, though since his days in Germany he had little time to cook for himself: culinary pleasure was limited to what was on offer at his [illegible] fictional spies of the Nineties seem to spend as much time in the kitchen as in the satellite imaging lab.

How satisfying, therefore, to find real spies copying — as is their wont — their celluloid portrayals. The CIA, as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations, has just published a cookbook, with recipes and comments by a few former agents and spouses, including Barbara Bush — said to make a terrific apple pie — and Julia Child, once a file clerk for the Office of Strategic Studies who found the transition from fingering secrets to fingering pastry all too easy. The "Company" apparently encouraged an interest in cuisine. It relieved stress, satisfied the professional need to roast, baste and grill and gave spies a safe topic of conversation when every other subject was taboo. Even the weather can lead to dangerous discussion of cold fronts, satellites and computer forecasts.

Marckus Wolf, the East German spy chief, was also a dab hand in the kitchen, though his book, *Secrets of Russian Cuisine*, does seem a rather uncomradely spilling of the Kremlin's beans. He probably recruited as many cooks to be spies as vice-versa. CIA agents must spend years of their lives in restaurants: let us hope their recipes are not as bland as their table talk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Setting priorities on road safety

From Sir Norman Fowler, MP for Sutton Coldfield (Conservative)

Sir, I welcome the Government's statement that it intends to make action against speeding a priority in road safety policy (report, September 16). I doubt, however, if advertising alone will substantially reduce the toll of deaths and serious injuries caused by speeding.

The most urgent need is to ensure that speed limits are enforced. As everyone knows, limits are currently widely ignored. The action that would have most immediate effect would be to extend the use of speed cameras throughout Britain.

In 1992 a very successful demonstration project in West London showed that as a result of the use of cameras as fatal accidents were reduced by 70 per cent and serious accidents were reduced by 28 per cent.

A report published by the Police Research Group in 1996 compared the costs of installing and operating speed cameras with the reduction in accident costs and income from fines. The result was that speed cameras generated a return of five times the cost of the investment after one year — and more than 25 times the amount after five years.

In the light of this evidence I would urge the Government to take immediate action to extend speed cameras.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN FOWLER
(Chief Opposition Spokesman for *Environment, Transport and the Regions*).
House of Commons.
September 17.

From Mr Geoffrey Bloom, JP

Sir, I was startled by your report today that the Government wants major police resources and manpower diverted to catching motorists travelling at as little as 35mph in a 30mph area.

Of course every life lost in a road accident is a tragedy, but the proposal contrasts markedly with your report in the same issue that the death toll from infection in hospitals "is responsible for at least 5,000 deaths a year". Moreover, hospital deaths appear to be on a rising trend, while road fatalities have been falling for many years.

The proposed diversion of police effort into stopping speeding offences also seems inappropriate when one reads, also in the same issue, of Scotland Yard's report on the gross ineffectiveness of its own detectives, deeming them likely to be "lacking in knowledge and investigative skills".

Both as a consumer of police services and as a magistrate, it seems to me that the case for an expensive campaign against speeding motorists has not been made out. Certainly, we must all drive at a safe and appropriate speed: but instead of stigmatising normally law-abiding people for what is often a minor transgression, I would suggest that the police and the Government might better concentrate their resources respectively on combating serious crime and eradicating hospital infections.

Yours faithfully,
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September 16.

From the Director of the Pedestrians Association

Sir, You quite rightly gave front-page coverage to the Home Secretary's announcement that cracking down on speeding will be made a new police priority from November. Such a shift in policing priorities is no less welcome for being long overdue.

It has been estimated that road deaths cost the economy over £3 billion a year. Add to this the distress caused to those bereaved and the additional costs of road crashes and you have a huge social and economic problem still inadequately addressed.

But deaths and injuries on the road are only the most stark result of speeding traffic. Excessive traffic speeds blight residential areas, prevent children walking to school, deter adults from walking and cycling and detract generally from the quality of life.

The police have a central role in enforcing speed limits and other aspects of road traffic law. With their assistance, and the widespread use of speed cameras (financed by charges levied on convicted drivers), speeding should in due course come to be seen as the inherently anti-social activity that it is.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr David Willett

Sir, I applaud the Government's initiative on speeding drivers. However, I have never, in 28 years of driving, understood why "reminder" signs are so few and far between in 30mph zones, when in 40 and 50mph zones, or even in derestricted areas, they are usually thick on the ground.

This to me makes no sense. It is in 30mph zones, which are usually the most critical and distracting areas in which to drive, that we all need reminding.

Yours sincerely,
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Sensations of unease, admiration and doubt at the RA

From Mr Michael A. C. Buckley

Sir, *Sensation*. What an apt title for the exhibition at the Royal Academy (report, leading article and letters, September 18).

Whilst I certainly did not like all the pieces on show, this body of work is filled with energy, vitality, irreverence and challenging and different ideas. Although many pieces deal with death in one form or another, the overriding impression is of a huge celebration of life. I expected to dislike the painting of Myra Hindley but found it extraordinary and appropriately arresting.

Charles Saatchi has put together a collection which should interest anyone who is curious and inquisitive. Being offended is sometimes an improvement on being complacent or dismissive.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL BUCKLEY,
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September 18.

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, "There is no such thing as real art that is immoral," so the Royal Academy informed us in yesterday's *Times*. I suppose it all depends on what is meant by "real". But members of that Academy might usefully have another look at *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, in which as unlikely a character as Oscar Wilde set out to show that aestheticism without morality can be demonic.

Do we really have to go back and learn that lesson all over again?

Yours faithfully,
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September 18.

From Mr Peter Coker, RA

Sir, May I, in the fewest lines possible, state in your letters column that I in no way wish my name to be associated with the recent decisions made at the Royal Academy. The Academy has disgraced itself on both artistic and moral grounds.

It may (in the person of Norman Rosenthal, its Exhibitions Secretary) claim that "real art" is never "immoral" but it seems to have lost any convictions it had about what constitutes real art and thus what determines the moral responsibility of an artist.

Yours faithfully,
PETER COKER,
The Red House, New Road,
Mistley, Manningtree, Essex.
September 17.

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Mr Alan Brison (letter, September 18), by isolating certain aspects of the *Blinding of Samson*, seems to be suggesting that there is little or no difference in Rembrandt's form of earthy realism and that to be experienced in the exhibition currently showing at the Royal Academy.

The inalienable right of an artist, in any genre, to extend the boundaries of his/her medium and expression must be defended. As a result much that gets as far as public exhibition will prove to be thin, tasteless to some, and lacking in significant content.

That is the price that art, occasionally, has to pay for its freedom. The desire to shock, and merely to be different for the sake of it, does not by itself, in my opinion, constitute a work of lasting importance.

Many serious artists and art historians, I believe, would strongly disagree with Mr Brison's analogy. Are we incapable, any more, of making the important distinction between what lies at the transitory, "car boot sale" extreme of art — attractive though it might be to some — and that which endures for reasons and qualities beyond the spurious and meretricious?

Let some continue to believe that the Emperor is wearing new clothes. But I'm not convinced.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
September 18.

From Mr R. Hawdon

Sir, Thank you Simon Jenkins (article, September 13) for debunking the nonsense of modern sensationalist "art". The reply to supporters of such banal rubbish is that almost any great artist of the past could have conceived almost any of the pieces today trumped up as art within ten minutes. Scarcely any of today's artists could have achieved any of their creations in a hundred years.

Yours faithfully,
R. HAWDON,
Ashlands, Belmont Road, Bath.
September 13.

From Mrs H. M. Glew

Sir, The Royal Academy of Arts says that "There is no such thing as real art that is immoral", thus proving what the rest of us have always known: if it is immoral it is not art.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN GLEW,
43 Hopkins Close,
Bournemouth, Dorset.
September 17.

Aerospace industry funding appeal

From the Director General of The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd

Sir, "Only those companies and countries that have high levels of investment in skills and technologies ... will succeed," Margaret Beckett, the Cabinet Minister responsible for science, told members of the British Association (report, September 9). She is perfectly correct.

The UK aerospace industry has consistently made a positive contribution to the country's balance of payments — averaging £2 billion a year over the last decade, rising to £2.9 billion in 1996 — and 14 per cent of its workforce is employed full-time on research and development activities. Yet in 1995, while £660 million was invested by the private sector on aerospace research and experimental development, the Government contributed only £220 million, some 25 per cent of the total spend.

For UK companies to remain competitive and continue to be successful in the global aerospace market, a review of the Government's financial input is urgently needed. By contrast, the US industry, which dominates the global aerospace market, receives 62 per cent of its research and development funding from federal Government.

The aerospace industry has devised a national strategy for growth called "Foresight Action", aimed at increasing competitiveness and developing innovative products, capabilities and processes which can be demonstrated to prospective customers as proven, saleable products.

If aerospace is to flourish as a national asset and continue to be a major contributor to the economy, this programme has to be a partnership between industry and Government.

We are currently pressing for a reallocation of public funds in favour of research and technology demonstration. We have made it clear that the industry will find its share of the cost; but without a fuller contribution from Government the Foresight Action strategy will fail to make a significant difference to the UK's aerospace performance.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MARSHALL,
Director General,
The Society of British
Aerospace Companies Ltd,
Duxbury House,
60 Petty France, Victoria, SW1.
September 11.

Jobs count

From the Minister for Employment

Sir, Your City Commentary today ("Changing rules for measuring jobs") is quite wrong to allege that "Labour ministers seem to be losing their enthusiasm for ditching the current measuring system".

My statement yesterday in fact stressed that "We must not forget that there are other people without work who do not appear in the claimant count" and pointed to the report we have asked for from the Office of National Statistics.

Public confidence in the credibility of unemployment statistics can only be established by this review at arm's length from Government; not by replacing one form of political manipulation by another.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SMITH,
Department for Education and Employment,
Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
Westminster, SW1.
September 18.

Tills apart

From Mr Colin Croskin

Sir, It is somewhat pedantic of Professor Maxwell Gaskin to say in his letter (September 11) that I was "wrong" in stating that Scottish banks issue banknotes with the permission of the Bank of England (letter, September 2).

Every banknote issued by Scottish and Northern Irish banks has to be backed pound for pound by Bank of England notes, special £1 million notes being used for this purpose.

So these banks are hardly free agents.

Yours sincerely
COLIN CROSKIN,
4 Highfield Cottages,
Ingleton, North Yorkshire.
ccroskin@compuserve.com
September 12.

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Brass, but not bold

From Mr P. J. Livesey

Sir, I see that a disconsolate Lord Montagu has been forced to retire his Vauxhall Prince Henry from the Peking-Paris Challenge owing to a comparatively minor mechnical failure (Car 97, September 13).

Come, you intrepid gentlemen, this is no way to respond to adversity! In 1907, Prince Borghese and his fellow contestants faced incomparably greater trials and overcame them. You have the benefit of 90 additional years of engineering expertise, back-up vehicles and equipment, your route fully planned, plus any amount of local artisan talent.

I suggest you take the car off the trailer, get yourselves down to the nearest machine shop and call in those expert workers in brass so common in China.

I am, Sir, with dirt under
my fingernails,
P. J. LIVESEY,
White Cottage, Frieth,
Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.
September 16.

In faith we trust

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, In his letter of September 16, Mr Barry Holroyd writes that "when people stop believing in God ... they then start believing in anything", and goes on to ridicule some of the belief objects that have turned up in a university survey — the impression being given that a belief in God is the only avenue for personal and spiritual survival.

This is of course not true. Many people have eschewed religion (as a prop) and have come to believe in themselves.

Such people have developed a faith in their own abilities to examine the world in which we live and, having done so, have realised that it is better to stand on their own two feet than it is to wait for miracles.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN CHALLONER,
13 The Village,
Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire.
September 17.

'Sneak's hotline'

From Mr William J. Woodward

Sir, Ofsted's inspectors having failed to identify sufficient failing teachers, you report ("Parents are given a sneak's hotline", September 11) that parents are now to be encouraged to telephone details of teachers' and schools' failings directly to the Department for Education and Employment, bypassing the local education authorities.

Is it not time for teachers to start campaigning for the establishment of "Ofstop" (The Office for Standards of Parenting), so that they can report violent, disruptive and unreceptive pupils directly to this body, bypassing LEA educational psychologists and the social services?

Yours etc,
W. J. WOODWARD,
Kaadan,
High Easter Road,
Leaden Roding, Dunmow, Essex.
bill_woodward@classic.msn.com
September 17.

From Mr Howard Hayter

Sir, This hotline is surely another indication of the Government introducing a "sneaky" society. We already have a hotline to the DSS for reporting illegal claimants.

I was always taught not to tell tales at school, and that we must not allow this country to emulate the activities of certain dictatorships where the only way of maintaining disciplines was to report on one's neighbours.

Do we really need this? It is certainly a dangerous development, and not British.

Yours sincerely,
HOWARD HAYTER,
Alcheydown Farm,
Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon.
September 12.

From Mrs Louise Burke

Sir, Will the Government also set up a hotline so that parents can report on good teaching practice?

Yours faithfully,
LOUISE BURKE,
10 Grosmont Drive,
Swindon, Wiltshire.
September 11.

PM's salary

From Mrs S. Jackson

Sir, Tony Blair may be able to afford to forgo a pay increase when his income is supplemented by the high earnings of a QC (report, September 17). But is it fair of him to expect others to take his lead when they may not be as fortunate?

Yours faithfully,
SERENA JACKSON,
7 Hill View Cottages,
Churchill, Oxfordshire.
September 17.

The Booker booked

From Mr John O'Byrne

Sir, Now that the season of "Booker" is upon us (report, September 16) how about some enterprising first-time novelist attempting a grand theme on the prize itself?

The ingredients could include obsession, thwarted ambition, rejection, loss, disillusionment, and some damn close-run things. But what should be the title?

Yours literarily,
JOHN O'BYRNE,
2 Mount Argus Court;
Harold's Cross, Dublin.
September 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 18: The Princess Royal this morning attended the British Equine Veterinary Association's Annual International Scientific Congress at the Harrogate Conference Centre, Harrogate, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, this afternoon visited Her Majesty's Prison Askham Grange, Askham Richard, York.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 18: The Duke of Gloucester, President, NABC — Clubs for Young People, today visited clubs in Surrey and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Sir Richard Thornton).

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at Guildhall, London, EC1, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society of Archivists.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 18: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the South Bank Foundation, this evening attended a Reception at the Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will attend the Maharaja Duleep Singh Centenary Trust dinner at Wentworth Golf Club, Surrey, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will visit Harewood House to see an exhibition marking the centenary of the birth of Princess Mary, The Princess Royal, at Moor House, Harewood Estate, Harewood, Leeds, at 9.30; and will visit Timeform House, Halifax, in its 50th anniversary year, at 12.10.

The Duke of Kent will attend a concert by the Prussia Cove Group, Prussia Cove, Penzance, Cornwall, at 7.30.

Dinner

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies and the City Marshal, attended a ladies dinner of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr Richard Vanderpump, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Sir Barry Sheen and Mr Simon Orlik, Senior Warden, also spoke.

Among others present were:

The Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, the Master of the Barbers' Company, the Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, the Master Cutler in Hallamshire, the Headmaster of Sevenoaks School, the Commanding Officer of the London Regiment, the Chief Executive of the Imperial Tobacco Group and the Chief Executive of Rothmans International and their ladies.

University news

Oxford
St Antony's College
To Governing Body Fellowships
William Beinart, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations
Amanda Kaye, Bursar
Leslie Michael Bethell, Director of the Centre for Brazilian Studies
To British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship
Paul Chaisty
To Emeritus Fellowship
Professor Terence Osborn Ranger
To Visiting Fellowships, 1997-98
Miren Askasibar, Basque Visiting Fellow (MT)
Dr Turaj Atabaki, Iranian Visiting Fellow (HT)
Professor Bahman Baktiari, Iranian Visiting Fellow (TT)
Erling Cronquist, European Investment Bank Visiting Fellow
Dr Ami Elad-Bouskila, Israeli Junior Visiting Fellow
Dr Stephen Headley, Deakin Visiting Fellow
Yasuo Iijima, Swire Cathay Pacific Visiting Fellow
Robert Jackson, MP, Visiting Parliamentary Fellow
Professor Farhad Kazemi, Iranian Visiting Fellow (MT)
Professor Dr Friedrich Lenger, Stifterverband Visiting Fellow
Professor Jesus Mora Contreras, Andres Bello Visiting Fellow
Dr Miren Onaindia, Basque Visiting Fellow (HT and TT)
Dr Giovanni Orsina, Italian Visiting Fellow
Dr Michael Saltman, Israeli Senior Visiting Fellow
Dr Phylis Starkey, MP, Visiting Parliamentary Fellow
Richard Thorpe, Alistair Horne Visiting Fellow
Dr Muhammad Waseem, Qaid-i-Azam Fellow.

Birthdays today

Miss Kate Adie, broadcaster, 52; Sir Timothy Colman, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, 68; Mr Ray Cooper, percussionist and composer, 55; Captain R.C. Cunningham-Jardine, Lord-Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway, 66; Mr Justin Dukes, founding managing-director, Channel 4 Television, 56; Mr Michael Elphick, actor, 51; Captain Jim Fox, pentathlete, 56; the Right Rev H.R. Gough, former Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, 92; Mr Richard Gray, director, Manchester City Art Galleries, 46; Mr Jeremy Irons, actor, 49; Sir Robert McCrindle, former MP, 68; Mr I.D. McGowan, librarian, National Library of Scotland, 52; the Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 83; the Countess of Mar, 57; Mr Charles Martin, Headmaster, Bristol Grammar School, 58; Mr Austin Mitchell, MP and broadcaster, 63; Mrs Penelope Mortimer, writer, 79; Mr Peter Murray, broadcaster, 69; Mr Derek Nimmo, actor, 65; Dr H.J. Plenderleith, FBA, antiquarian, 99; Professor Ferry Porsche, car designer, 88.

Miss Zandra Rhodes, fashion designer, 57; Dr Sir Brian Richards, biotechnologist, 65; Dr George Barclay Richardson, former warden, Keble College, Oxford, 73; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 68; Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, surgeon, 75; Mrs Carolyn Steen, chairman, court of governors, Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, 57; Twiggy, former model and actress, 48; Professor C.J. White, FBA, director, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 67; Sir Leonard Williams, former director-general for energy, Commission of the European Communities, 78; Dr Arthur Wills, composer, 71.

School news

Westminster Cathedral Choir School
Choristers leave today for Germany where the Westminster Cathedral choir will give concerts at St Georgkirche and Unser Lieben Frauen Kirche in Bremen. On Monday, October 13, the choir sings a Joint Evensong with the Westminster Abbey Choir at Westminster Abbey. The following have joined the school this term as Probationer Choristers: Benedict Curren, St John's College, Cardiff; Richard Jones, St John's RC School, Bath; Edward McClaran, St Gregory's RC School, Cheltenham; Alexander Kennedy, St Mary's RC School, London SW4; Edward Grocott, St George's RC School, Upminster; and Peter Wimblett, St James' RC School, Twickenham. The Headmaster (Tel: 0171-798 9081) would be delighted to hear from parents of Roman Catholic boys who would like to know more about choristerships at Westminster Cathedral.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln 1660-63, Sheffield, 1587; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor 1830-34, Edinburgh, 1778; Hartley Coleridge, writer, Kingsdown, Bristol, 1796; Lajos Kossuth, Hungarian patriot, Zempin, 1802; William Dyce, painter, Aberdeen, 1806; George Cadbury, Quaker, social reformer and chocolate manufacturer, Birmingham, 1839; William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, soap manufacturer and philanthropist, Bolton, 1851; Arthur Rackham, illustrator, London, 1867; Giuseppe Sargat, President of Italy 1964-71, Turin, 1898.

DEATHS: Lazare Hoche, general, Wetzlar, Germany, 1797; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, founder of the banking house, Frankfurt am Main, 1812; James Garfield, 20th American President 1881, died of his wounds after being shot on July 2, Elberon, New Jersey, 1881; Masaoka Shiki, poet, Tokyo, 1902; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name, Surbiton, Surrey, 1905; Miles (Stella Maria Sarah) Franklin, Australian novelist, 1954; Sir David Low, cartoonist, London, 1963.

American inventor Melville Bissell patented the carpet sweeper, 1876.

The world's first beauty contest was held in Belgium and won by 18-year-old Bertha Soucaret from Guadeloupe, 1888.

William Joyce, known as Lord Haw-Haw, was sentenced to hang for treason, 1945.

Juan Perón, President of Argentina since 1946, resigned and went into exile, 1955.

Elections

Central Council of Magistrates' Courts Committees for England and Wales
At the Annual General Meeting held in London on September 16, 1997, the following were elected:

Chairman — Mrs Maureen Cowan, JP, BSc (Newcastle upon Tyne); Deputy Chairman — Mr David Wilkinson, JP, LLB, FCA (North and West Greater Manchester); Honorary Treasurer — Mr David Jarvis, JP, DMS (Outer London — Redbridge).

Reception

Board of Deputies of British Jews
Mr Ma Zhengang, Ambassador of China, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews last night at Commonwealth House. Mr Eric Moonman, vice-president of the board, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg were the speakers.

JOAN RUSSELL

Tom Sharp, yeoman gaoler from the Tower of London, at the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, yesterday to open *Prisoners in the Tower: Treason, Torture and Execution* — an exhibition of objects from the Tower which includes an executioner's axe and swords, thumbscrews, manacles and the block used at the execution of Lord Lovat in 1747. It opens to the public on Saturday

The Leverhulme Trust

Leverhulme Research Awards 1997
Fellowships
S L Adams, Senior Lecturer in History, Strathclyde Univ, The decision to intervention: England and the Netherlands 1584-5
C Avery, Independent fine art consultant, The sculptor Soldani (1656-1740) and his English patrons
V M Bertram, Senior Lecturer in English Studies, Oxford Brookes Univ, Gendered poetics: feminist analyses of UK poetry 1980-96
C L Brooks, Senior Lecturer in Victorian Studies, Univ of Exeter, The Albert Memorial: architecture, cultural contexts, conservation
S F Burman, Senior Lecturer in American Studies, Univ of Sussex, America in the 90s: national interest and global responsibility
G E Butterworth, Professor of Psychology, Sussex Univ, What is special about pointing in babies?
K Chedgzoy, Lecturer Univ of Warwick, Women and writing in early modern Wales
E G Cowling, Senior Lecturer in History of Art, Univ of Edinburgh, Picasso: style as content
C T H Davies, Reader, Univ of Glasgow, New calculations in lattice quantum chromodynamics
J H Davies, Reader Univ of Glasgow, Scattering in a two-dimensional electron gas
J E A Dawson, John Laing Lecturer in the History and Theology of the Reformation, Univ of Edinburgh, The Fifth Earl of Argyll (c.1530-1573)
M P Devereux, Professor of Economics and Finance, Keele Univ, Capital income tax competition: theory and evidence
G A Dover, Professor of Genetics, Univ of Leicester, Genetic redundancy and biological novelties
A W Evans, Professor of Environmental Economics, Univ of Reading, The economic analysis of land use planning
H A Forbes, Lecturer in Archaeology, Univ of Nottingham, Landed generations: Greek conceptual and practical landscapes
T J Fulford, Reader in English Literature, Nottingham Trent Univ, Politics, gender and aesthetics in Romantic writing
C A Gledhill, Principal Lecturer in Media and Cultural Studies, Staffordshire Univ, Reframing British Cinema: the 1920s
A C Grayling, Lecturer in Philosophy, Birkbeck College, London Univ, Modal concepts in descriptive and identifying thought
C K Green, Professor in the History of Art, Courtauld Institute of Art, London Univ, Art in France 1900-45
K T Greene, Senior Lecturer, Department of Archaeology, Univ of Newcastle, Roman technology and innovation in context
D W Griffin, Senior Lecturer, Psychology, School of Cognitive and Computing Sciences, Univ of Sussex, Researching and writing a book on dyadic data analysis
J M Harper, Professor of Music, Univ of Wales, Bangor, English organs, choral polyphony and liturgy c.1480-1645
B T Heaton, Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, Liverpool Univ, MNR studies of catalytic reactions and clusters
D J Howard, Reader in Architectural History and Fellow of St John's College, Univ of Cambridge, Venice and the East: architectural influences
R C M Janko, Professor of Greek, Univ College London, Literary theory from Plato to Longinus
R M Kempson, Professor of Linguistics, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Language as communication: a dynamic perspective
J R King, Professor of Theoretical Mechanics, Univ of Nottingham, Interface development in moving boundary problems
J D Klier, Professor of Modern Jewish History, Univ College London, The Jewish policies of the Russian Empire 1881-94
M J Loppert, Freelance music and opera critic, Life and works of Christoph Willibald Gluck
G A Loud, Senior Lecturer, Leeds Univ, The age of Robert Guiscard
J P Luft, Senior Lecturer in Persian Studies, Manchester Univ, State-building in Iran between 1921 and 1941
J S Macnicol, Reader in Social Policy, Royal Holloway, Univ of London, Age discrimination: an historical and contemporary study
L K Marcus, Lecturer in English and Humanities, Birkbeck College, London Univ, Gender, aesthetics and the coming of sound cinema
A D Mason, Lecturer in Philosophy, Univ of Reading, Community, identity and belonging
Ann Moss, Professor of French, Univ of Durham, Renaissance truth and the Latin linguistic turn
N Nelson, Senior Lecturer, Goldsmiths College, Univ of London, Women's and children's safety: changing Gikuyu families
J A Peck, Reader in Geography, Univ of Manchester, Translating workfare: new vocabularies of welfare reform
J P J Pottier, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ of London, Rwanda from within: identity construction and development
A A Powell, Senior Lecturer in the History of South Asia, School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ of London, Scottish Evangelicalism and the roots of Indian religions
K Prassides, Reader in Chemistry, Sussex Univ, New avenues in fullerene research: the heterofullerenes
G D Price, Professor of Mineral Physics, Univ College London and Birkbeck College, London Univ, A study of high-pressure/temperature iron
J Radcliffe, Univ Lecturer, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London Univ, Spatial deterministic epidemics
D A Reynolds, Senior Lecturer in French, Univ of Bristol, Modern dance and the aesthetics of abstraction
W F Ryan, Academic Librarian, Warburg Institute, History of Russian magic and divination
D Seed, Lecturer in English Department, Univ of Liverpool, US speculative fiction of the Cold War
D M Smith, Professor of Geography, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Univ of London, Moral thinking in human geography
C J Thomas, Lecturer in Applied Social Science, Lancaster Univ, Life experiences of disabled women
K Tribe, Reader in Economics Keele Univ, Economics as a discipline, Britain 1860-1970
J C E Watson, Lecturer in Arabic, Durham Univ, Phonology and morphology of modern spoken Arabic
M Whitfield, Director, Marine Biological Association of the UK, The World Ocean — mechanism or machination?
R J E Winter, Professor of Education, Anglia Polytechnic Univ, Reflecting writing and action research in social work and health care
N Zahedieh, Lecturer, Univ of Edinburgh, Jamaica and the Atlantic economy 1689-1815

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.B. Ambery and Miss F.Z. Barber
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr Ronald Ambery and of Mrs Yvonne Ambery, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Barber, of Nailsea, Bristol.

Dr C.E. Gibbon and Miss K.L. Hartley
The engagement is announced between Caspar, son of Mr William Monk Gibbon, of the Seychelles, and Mrs Sara McKearney, of Cambridge, and Katherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Hartley, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr D.B. Kiggell and Miss A.G. Walker
The engagement is announced between Ben, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Kiggell, of Ashampstead Common, Berkshire, and Alysia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Walker, of Ichibancho, Tokyo, and Perth, Western Australia.

Mr R.S.E. Overton and Miss P.J. Webster
The engagement is announced between Ranulf, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Stephen Overton, of Ambleside, Cumbria, and Philippa (Pip), daughter of Mr and Mrs David Webster, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr R.P. Richmond-Watson and Miss E.R. O'Neill Flanagan
The engagement is announced between Roddy, son of the late Peter Richmond-Watson and of Mrs Jean Richmond-Watson, of Showell Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon, and Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donal O'Neill Flanagan, of the School House, Curraghmore, Co Waterford.

Mr E.A. Smith and Dr J.E. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Edward Alexander, younger son of Dr and Mrs Robert Smith, of St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire, and Jane Ellaline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Rogers, of Banstead, Surrey.

Mr S.B. Snook and Miss G.M.C. Revell
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr Beverley Snook, OBE, and Mrs Pauline Snook, of Ickenham, Middlesex, and Georgia, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Revell, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Mrs Adrienne Powell, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Mr P.J. Vincent and Miss C.V. Gilmour
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Vincent, of Goulds Farm, Horsington, Somerset, and Corinna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gilmour, of Balcormo Mains, Leven, Fife.

Marriages

Mr K.P.D. Brown and Miss S.J. Decent
The marriage took place on August 8, 1997, at Langtry Manor, Bournemouth, of Kenneth Peter Dow Brown, son of the late Peter and Helen Brown, of Perth, to Sarah Jean Decent, elder daughter of Ronald and Brenda Decent, now of Ramsbottom, Lancashire.

Mr C.B. Ewart and Miss P.A. McConnel
A service of blessing was held on September 6, at St Peter's, Plaitford, following the marriage on September 5 of Mr Christopher Bruce Ewart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Ewart, to Miss Polly Adriana McConnel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian McConnel.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Dr D.C. Woolley and Miss C.J. Bamber
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 13, at Tythrop Park, Kingsey, Buckinghamshire, of Dr Dean Charles Woolley, elder son of Mr Roy Woolley and the late Mrs Rita Austin, to Miss Caroline Jane Bamber, daughter of Dr David Bamber and Mrs Elisabeth Bamber.

Latest wills

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, former Lord Chief Justice, of Puttenham, Surrey, left estate valued at £645,409.

The Earl of Listowel, Chairman of Committees, House of Lords 1965-76, Secretary of State for India and Burma, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs 1948-50, of London NW3, left estate valued at £3,991 net.

Walter Basil Scarlett **Walker**, chartered accountant, of Alton, Hampshire, left estate valued at £4,132,593 net.

Margaret **Dobson**, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,705,809 net.
She left £50,000 to Filey Sea Cadets Corps and to the RNLI; and shares in her residuary estate to St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Save the Children Fund, the NSPCC, Barnardos and the Calvert Trust, Cumbria.

Marjorie Kate **Robinson**, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,732,731 net.
She left £1,000 to The Hull Ladies Guild of the RNLI and £500 to All Saints Church, North Ferriby.

Lily **Chiefetz**, of London N6, left estate valued at £1,002,079 net.

John Roger **Fletcher**, of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £787,994 net.

Fredericke **Gampell**, of London N6, left estate valued at £2,312,118 net.
He left shares in his residuary estate to the British Council of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, the AJR Charitable Trust, Jewish Care, Mencap and Jewish Deaf Association.

Hazel Rosalind **Green**, of Bronydd, Clyro, Powys, left estate valued at £1,046,596 net.

Joyce Vera **Hogg**, of Whitchurch on Thames, Reading, left estate valued at £1,103,821 net.

Douglas Neil **Jackson**, of Birmingham, left estate valued at £802,325 net.

Elizabeth Mary **Johnson**, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,939,854 net.

Bertram **King**, retired engineer, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,109,698 net.
He left £5,000 to St Andrew's Church, Boscombe.

Ralph **Laughton**, of Cockerington, Louth, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,380,570 net.

Shirley **Leedham**, of Easingwold, York, left estate valued at £1,405,999 net.

Hilda Margaret **Markby**, of Whitby, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,280,307 net.
She left £2,000 to St Lawrence's Church, Scalby, Scarborough.

Mary Margaret **Swapp**, of Penzance, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,064,291 net.
She left £5,000 to the Seal Sanctuary, Gweek, Cornwall.

Mary MacFarlane Harding **Tilley**, of Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,136,402 net.
She left £20 to each and every servant who shall be in the employ of her husband or herself for each year completed in their service.

Frederick **Wilkinson**, of Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey, left estate valued at £998,981 net.
He left £4,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; £2,000 each to the National Trust, St Thomas church, on the Bourne, Farnham; St James Rowledge church, Farnham; Rowledge Village Hall, Rowledge; and the trustees for the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham.

John Edward Evelyn **Yorke**, of Hellifield, nr Skipton, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,557,489 net.

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BIRTHS

AFZAL - On 12th September 1997, to Nasreen and Saj, a beautiful daughter, Iqraa. Our warmest thanks to all family and friends for their love and support and a big thank you to all the staff at Central Middlesex Hospital. Thank God for this blessing.

APOSTOLOU - Zacharia born at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth on September 12th, to Sophia and Apostolos Apostolou, a beautiful and much adored little miracle.

COCKAYNE - On September 14th, to Catherine (née Northover) and Andrew, a son, James Andrew Charles.

COLE - On 12th September, to Alan and Victoria, a son, Charles Leonard Hugh.

FISHER - On September 15th at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to Lisa (Michaela) and Chris, a beautiful daughter, Hollie, 7lbs 1oz.

GILCHRIST - On 12th September, to Sarah-Anne (née Rudkin) and Oliver, a daughter, Abigail Daisy Isabella, a sister for Harry.

IRONS - On Saturday 13th September 1997, to Jo and Sean, a son, Henry Thomas.

IRVINE - On September 10th 1997, to Kate (née Turner) and Laurence, a son, Harry Douglas.

LIVINGSTONE - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Frances and Ian, a son, Jack Robert.

MacAUSLAN - On September 16th 1997, to Katie (née Lachlan) and Euan, a daughter, Louise Olivia, a sister for Isobel.

SELLETT - On September 16th 1997, to Catharine (née Fisher) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca Clare, a lovely little sister for Emily and Ian.

VERLAAN - On August 29th at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, to Jane (née Kingham) and Brian, a son, Jonathan Henry Francis, a brother for Sophie and Abigail.

WILSON - On September 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Mandy and Christopher, a son, Dominic, a brother for Martine and Chloe.

DEATHS

ABRAHAM - Mary Louise, aged 92 years. Very peacefully in Oxford on 14th September 1997. A private family service has taken place in Oxford; Memorial later in Keswick. Enquiries to R.V. Mallett Funeral Directors, Oxford. Telephone: 01865 744500.

ALDINGTON - Donald died on 17th September, aged 90. Husband of Eileen (dec'd). Father of Tim, Nick (dec'd) and Prill. Grandpa and great-grandpa of many. A devoted family man. He will be sadly missed. R.I.P.

ANDERSON - Derek William peacefully at home on 16th September, aged 72. Beloved husband of Dolly, dearly loved father of Gerald, Beverley, Karl, Rex, Jane and Jillian, devoted grandfather of Sonia, Fiona, James, Tom and Alexander and proud great-grandfather of Shay. All welcome at a funeral service at 2.15 pm on Monday 22nd September at the Church of St Peter's, Alvescot, Oxfordshire, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association (Research), PO Box 246, Northampton NN1 2PR. "Always in our hearts".

ANSELL - Lillian M. (née Yates) passed away on 10th September 1997. A dear friend to many, and in particular to the late Mr Nathan Turk, OBE of Messrs Alec Woolf and Turk of London WC2. Letters to A. Bennett & Son, 460-462 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 9AH.

ATKINSON - Wing Commander G.B. Atkinson MBE, DFC (ret'd) on 16th September 1997 at home in France, with great dignity. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

CLARKE - Dorothy Mary (née Sneyd-Kynnersley) peacefully at home aged 78 on September 18th after illness borne with great courage. Beloved mother of Judith, Philip and Anthony. Wife of the late Michael Charles Clarke (Priest). Funeral at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford at 11am on September 26th. Family flowers only. Donations to cancer research. Details from M. Franklin & Sons, tel: (01672) 520496.

COLDWELL - Miriam Anne Thursby, in hospital on September 12th 1997, of Nash, near Ludlow, Shropshire. Funeral Service at the Church of St Milburgh, Stoke St Milborough, on Wednesday September 24th at 3 pm. Enquiries tel: (01743) 344646.

CORBET-MILWARD - Peacefully on 17th September at The College of St Barnabas, Richard George Corbet Corbet-Milward, priest, sometime Vicar of St Alban's, Copnor and Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ryde, sometime Rural Dean of Portsmouth and Rural Dean of East Wight, and Honorary Canon of Portsmouth. Requiem at the College on Thursday, 25th September at 11.30 am before cremation. No flowers, but memorial gifts may be sent to The Warden, College of St Barnabas, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NJ, for the College's Centenary Fund.

GILL - On 16th September 1997 after a short illness bravely borne, Joan Gardiner, aged 88 of Duffield, only child of the late William and Sadie Ossenton, dearly loved wife of the late William Gill, much loved mother of Lesley and Andrew, grandmother of Joanna and Charles and great-grandmother of Barnaby Searle. Funeral Friday 26th September, service 1 pm at St Alkmunds Church Duffield, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to G. Wathall & Son Ltd, 101-111 Macklin Street, Derby, DE1 1LG.

GRIFFITH - Ernest Arthur (Bob), peacefully on September 16th at the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Husband of Gillian, father of Steven, Helena, Maggie, Katy and Valerie, sister of Jean. Very much loved. Funeral on Tuesday 23rd September at 11.15 am at All Saints Church, Hove, followed by committal at Woodvale Crematorium. Flowers (no wreaths) or donations, if desired, to the Leukaemia Care Society, c/o Attree & Kent Ltd, 108 Church Road, Hove, East Sussex.

HADLEY - Lorna Elizabeth on September 16th peacefully at her home in Bexhill. Much loved mother of Graham and Lindsay and devoted grandmother of Andrew, Duncan, Alastair, Tom and Alice. Enquiries to Mummery F/D, Bexhill, 01424-730418.

HAINSWORTH - On 15th September 1997 at Taunton, Somerset, Ernest Hainsworth MA (Cantab) OBE, aged 80. Formerly Director Tea Research Institute of East Africa, late of Curry Rivel, Somerset. Funeral Monday 22nd September 12 noon at Taunton Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation via Grandfield & Son, tel: (01278) 732219.

HARRISON - Canon Peter on 17th September, formerly St Martins, Birmingham. St John's College, Durham. St James, West Derby. Beverley Minster. Eucharist Service Pocklington Parish Church Wednesday 24th September at 12 noon. Enquiries to Frank Stephenson & Son, Beverley, Yorkshire.

HILLIS - On 16th September, peacefully Arthur Henry Macnamara Hillis C.M.G., much loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at 11.30am on Friday 19th September at The Temple Church. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.I.B. Enquiries to A. France & Son. Tel: (0171) 405-4901.

KEANEY - Antony peacefully after a short illness, on 16th September 1997, aged 77. Funeral at Skipton Crematorium, N. Yorks, at 2.20 pm on Tuesday 23rd September. Flowers (no wreaths) to Eaton & Sons, Ashlands Road, Ilkley.

KENNON - (Née Bush) Sue, on 16th September 1997 in Kyabram, Australia peacefully at home after a courageous fight against cancer. Dearly loved daughter of Mary and sister of Jane and Charles. Funeral in Kyabram on 20th September. Service of Thanksgiving at Eastbourne College Chapel, Eastbourne, E Sussex, 2.15 pm on Friday, 3rd October.

LEWIS - William Thomas, C.B.E., at Church Stretton, Shropshire, on Sunday September 14th at the age of 96. Will be missed by many friends. Survived by son Michael, four grandsons and five great-grandchildren. Funeral at Shrewsbury Crematorium at 10.40 am on Monday September 22nd. No flowers or donations. Friends welcome.

MACKENZIE - Stuart Errol, Group Captain R.A.F. Ret'd, CBE, MA, peacefully whilst on holiday in the Algarve, on September 13th, aged 87. Very much loved husband, father and grandfather. Family funeral at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, Chelsea and North Sheen Cemetery.

MARCONI - Paresce Degna. Eldest child of Guglielmo Marconi peacefully at home on September 16th 1997.

MILLETT - Adele on 16th September aged 88 peacefully at Hammerson Home. Dearly loved widow of Denis, mother of Peter and Anthony, grandmother and great-grandmother.

OGILVIE - Iain Hamish M.B.E. died peacefully on 15th September. Beloved husband of Bernardine, father of Sonia and Alasdair and grandfather of Nicholas and Julian. Funeral at St Theresa's Church, Weldon Way, Merstham at midday on Tuesday 23rd September. Family flowers only.

RUDKIN - Charles Hugh Stephen, tragically on 15th September 1997, as the result of a car accident. Beloved husband of Julie, loving father of Andrew, Phillipa and Sarah-Anne and grandad to James, Harry and Abigail.

TOMLINS - Martin Henry on September 15th, 1997 peacefully at home aged 88. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Alan and Peter and much loved grandfather to Robert, Andrew, Katharine, Rosie and James. Funeral service on Monday, September 22nd at Chichester Crematorium at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to RNLI c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY.

TOYE - On 16th September peacefully at Garland House Rest Home, Southborough, Betty Toye, aged 84 years. Funeral Service in St. Thomas' Church, Pennington Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 24th September at 1.45pm. Flowers, or if preferred, donations to R.S.P.C.A. may be sent c/o J. Kempster and Sons, 2-4, Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2PE (tel: 01892 523131).

WHALE - The Revd. Dr. J.S. Whale, Theologian and Teacher, in Edinburgh on 17th September aged 100; survived by his widow Mary. Funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Warriston Road, Edinburgh on Wednesday September 24th at 10.15 am.

WILDBLOOD - William Stephen, on 17th September 1997 aged 74, after three months of illness borne with courage, dignity and humour, beloved husband of Patricia, adored father of William, Andrew, Rosie, Angus and Edward, and a much loved grandfather. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th September at 2 pm at St Martin's Church, Bremhill, Wiltshire.

WILCOCKS - Margaret aged 72, widow of Ron, mother of Richard and Elizabeth and sister of Angela, peacefully in hospital on 17th September. Funeral at 10 am on Tuesday 23rd September at St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to The Margaret Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, E11 1NR.

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LAWRENCE - Grandfather, Loving you is easy - accepting that you have gone is hard. Deborah.

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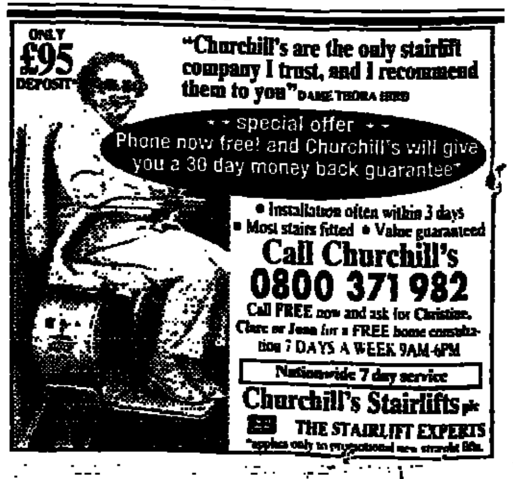

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OBITUARIES

THE REV J. S. WHALE

The Rev J. S. Whale, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and sometime Headmaster of Mill Hill School, died on September 17 aged 100. He was born on December 19, 1896.

Among the Nonconformist divines of his time, J. S. Whale may not have been the best known — figures such as Leslie Weatherhead, W. E. Sangster or Donald Soper were always far more household names. But, as a survivor from the age when Nonconformity was still a power in the land, he could claim, through the intellectual cutting-edge of Congregationalism, to have helped to provide the Free Churches with academic respectability.

He was a distinguished historian and theologian, particularly highly regarded in Oxford, Cambridge and in the United States. His intellectual influence reached well beyond the parameters of one denomination. His 1941 *Christian Doctrine*, in particular, was frequently reprinted and remained in regular use in Anglican theological colleges for more than fifty years.

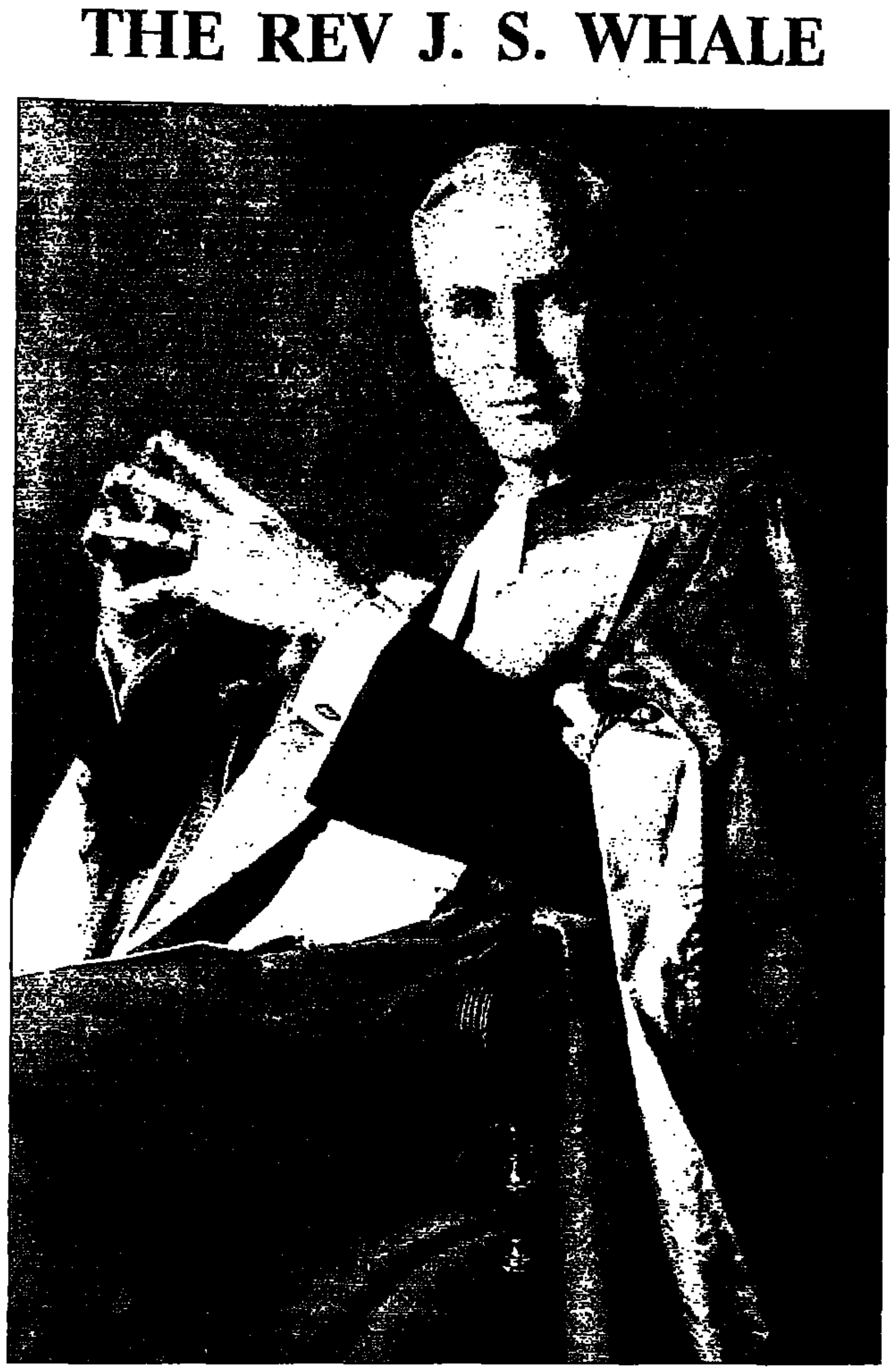
But, earlier, his gifts had seemed to be more popular ones. There was a moment when it almost seemed as if he might become the heir to Charles Spurgeon. Although born too late to enter fully into the great Nonconformist preaching inheritance, he was a genuine master of the pulpit, possessing great dramatic gifts, a lucid mind and the authentic accent of authority. If he rejected that route to fame, it was probably because he came to despise it.

John Seldon Whale was himself the son of a Congregational minister and went to a Congregational school in Caterham. His First World War service was spent in the best dissenting-pacifist tradition: he worked for the YMCA, the Friends' Ambulance Unit (partly on a hospital ship) and for the Serbian Relief Fund.

At St Catherine's Society, Oxford, after the war he obtained a first in history before training for the ministry, again in Oxford, at the then Congregationalist Mansfield College. After four years, 1925-29, as minister of the influential Bowdon Downs Congregational Church on the outskirts of Manchester, he returned to Mansfield College to teach church history.

From there he moved to Cambridge to train Congregational ministers at Cheshunt College, of which he was President from 1933 to 1944. In retrospect, as recognised by his honorary DD from Glasgow in 1938, these were his peak years, when his skills as a writer, lecturer and broadcaster first came to the fore.

His reputation as a preacher had already been established (on hearing him once in the 1920s even Lloyd George — no mean connoisseur in these matters — was heard to remark that he had discovered "a pulpit genius"). Increasingly, however, his pulpit certainties came to contrast with his private doubts.


A portrait of the Rev J. S. Whale by P. K. C. Jackson that hangs at Mill Hill School

He served as Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in 1942-43 and, as such, often stood alongside Archbishops William Temple and Cyril Garbett on declarations of Christian principle arising out of the ethical issues posed by the Second World War. In November 1942 he wrote directly to Winston Churchill to protest against the practice — which the British Government had briefly adopted — of manacling German prisoners of war.

In 1944, when the flow of prospective Congregational ministers to Cheshunt had very nearly dried up, he caused some surprise by accepting the headmastership of Mill Hill, a public school of Congregationalist foundation but increasingly viewed as non-denominational. He was later to regard this move as a mistake but he certainly revived the academic tradition of the school, which had been damaged by a wartime evacuation to Cumberland. Not surprisingly, he felt more at home with the sixth form than he did with most other groups, including the staff and the governing body (with the latter his relations were not always easy). With some relief, he laid down what he had increasingly come to see as a burden after seven years.

Once he had left Mill Hill, Whale never took a full-time academic post again, nor did he return to the pastoral ministry. This caused some disappointment to his admirers — but the truth probably was that his most durable achievements, and certainly his own greatest satisfaction, lay in prose. In addition to *Christian Doctrine* (1941), he wrote two further substantial works, *The Protestant Tradition* (1955) and *Victor and Victim: The Christian Doctrine of Redemption* (1960). He combined writing both these books with preaching and teaching (often via visiting professorships or lectureships) in North America, where his fame — at least at Protestant institutions of learning — had by the 1960s probably outgrown that which he had known in Britain even in his heyday.

After the end of his American period — he did not appear much on university campuses in the United States after 1968 — Whale led an increasingly reclusive life on Dartmoor until his own, and his wife's, increasing infirmity forced a move to an Edinburgh nursing home to be near their daughter.

He is survived by his wife Mary, one of his two daughters, and two of his three sons, the elder of whom became an Anglican and was Editor of the *Church Times* from 1989 to 1995.

RED SKELTON

Red Skelton, comic actor, died on September 17 aged 84. He was born in Indiana on July 18, 1913.

IT WAS an accidental fall off the stage while auditioning for a part in a travelling medicine show that brought about Red Skelton's comic persona, one that would ultimately sustain a career as America's best-known clown for nearly seven decades. Breaking several bottles of medicine on his way down, his fall drew big laughs, and Skelton was recruited to repeat it. Bumbling pratfalls became the cornerstone of his routine, and he continued to perform them well into middle age, despite suffering from fractured knees as a result.

His innate flexibility combined with a rubber face and superb comic timing virtually guaranteed that audiences would dissolve into laughter during his routines. What was surprising was that Skelton, often amused by his own antics, would stop his own act to join them in their mirth. He once remarked that laughter overcame him so often he rarely went to funerals for fear of disgracing himself.

A clown and comedian who survived the transition from vaudeville to radio and then to the big screen, Skelton typified the kind of entertainer for whom the show always went on.

Richard Bernard Skelton, nicknamed Red on account of his red hair, was born in the town of Vincennes, Indiana, two months after the death of his father, who had once performed as a clown with the Hagenbeck and Wallace circus. The Skelton family was destitute, and the young Red began working at seven to contribute to the family finances. He delivered newspapers for three years before joining a travelling medicine show, honing and perfecting his act. By the age of 15, having mastered the pratfall and developed a stock of comic characters, Skelton hit the vaudeville circuit.

He made his debut on radio and on Broadway in 1937, but early attempts to conquer Hollywood did not prosper after he failed a screen test. Incredibly, it was eating doughnuts that landed him a second chance for a life on the silver screen. During the mid-1930s he developed a sketch that had him eating 12 doughnuts in various poses. After three shows a day and a weight gain of two and a half stone, Skelton caught the attention of the child star Mickey Rooney who, taking pity on him, recommended him to MGM.

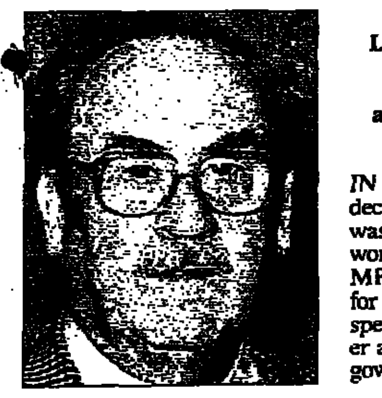
He went on to appear in numerous MGM comedies, including *Having Wonderful Time*, *Watch the Birdie*, and *Whistling in Brooklyn*, which saw him pitching against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Among his last films was *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* (1965).

But it was on television that Skelton gave flight to his most famous comic characters, among them Hayseed Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, Cauliflower McPugg, the drunken Willie Lump-Lump, the con artist San Fernando and the cross-eyed seagulls Gertrude and Heathcliffe.

Skelton's television career began on NBC in 1951 with a sketch comedy show that ran in varying guises until 1970, when he was unceremoniously taken off the air. Television executives said they believed the vaudeville-trained comic was too dated for the medium.

In 1945 Skelton married Georgia Davis and they had a daughter and a son, who died of leukemia aged nine. This marriage ended in divorce, as had his first in 1943.Skelton married his third wife, Lothian, in 1973. She survives him, together with the daughter of his first marriage.

JAMES DUNNACHIE



James Dunnachie, Labour MP for Glasgow, Pollok, 1987-97, died of cancer on September 7 aged 66. He was born on November 17, 1930.

IN THE Commons for a decade, Jimmy Dunnachie was one of the last blue-collar workers to become a Labour MP. He was a shop steward for most of the 34 years he spent as an engineering worker and, like many other Glasgow MPs, he entered the House through Scottish local government.

A heavily-accented Glaswegian, warm-hearted and popular, active to an almost obsessional degree in causes he cared about, he seemed to have entered national politics almost as an afterthought. He did not join the Labour Party until he was 36 and it was more than 20 years later that he decided to stand for Parliament. He was chosen then for the cast-iron Labour seat of Pollok, though he only just beat off a strong challenge from a Militant candidate at the all-important selection conference.

Militant mounted another challenge to him in 1992, when Tommy Sheridan, the Scottish anti-poll tax campaigner, stood against him from the prison cell where he was serving a six-month sentence. Sheridan secured more than 6,000 votes and finished in second place.

Redistribution cut the number of Glasgow seats from eight to seven at this year's election. Dunnachie, who was expected to retire, made a sudden bid to become the candidate for the new Govan seat; his intervention was one of the factors which enabled the controversial Mohammed Sarwar to be selected.

James Francis Dunnachie was Glasgow-born and was educated at St Margaret's School at Kinning Park. The son of a ship's fitter, he followed his father to a yard on the Clyde before joining Rolls-Royce. His union activities led to progress in local government, where he served on Glasgow City Council, Glasgow District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council, before he attained at the age of 56 a seat at Westminster.

In the House, where he rose to be an Opposition whip (serving as Scottish whip under Derek Foster between 1989 and 1992) he tended to be on the Left, though on social matters he represented old-time Glasgow Roman Catholic feeling. He supported abortion-curbing Bills and was one of only seven Labour MPs who voted against any reduction in the homosexual age of consent. He was equally passionate about children's access to gambling machines, fluoridation of water, using animals for cosmetics research and the exploitation of children generally.

He was married in 1974 to Isobel Payne, who survives him.

BRIGADIER BERNARD COWEY

Brigadier Bernard Cowey, DSO, OBE, Commander 9th Armoured and 148th Infantry Brigades, TA, 1956-58, died on August 20 aged 85. He was born on November 20, 1911.

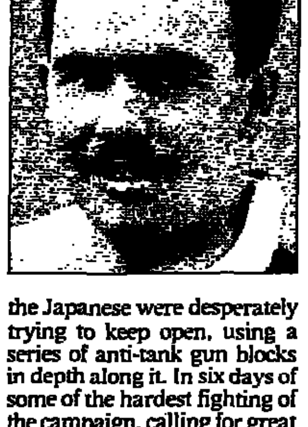
"BUN" COWEY, as he had been nicknamed in childhood, had an outgoing personality and was a natural leader. An outstanding sportsman, he played rugby for Newport, London Welsh, the Army and the Barbarians, and won four Welsh caps. Playing against England in 1934 and 1935, and against Scotland and Ireland in 1934, he scored three tries as a right wing three-quarter.

He captained the Welch Regiment's famous 1st Battalion rugby XV when they won the Army Cup in 1935, 1937 and 1939. In 1935 he was a member of the 1st Battalion's 4 x 440 yd relay team, composed of the rugby XV's three-quarter line, when they broke the Army record for the event.

His renown as a military leader came when he won his DSO commanding the 2nd Battalion of his regiment in Burma in May 1945. He had taken over the battalion in February near Imphal in a tired and battle-weary state and had restored its morale almost from the moment of his first talk to the troops assembled around him.

2nd Welch were part of Major-General "Pete" Rees's 19th Indian Division advancing on Mandalay from the north on the east bank of the Irrawaddy. Cowey's first notable engagement was at Maymyo, where he successfully cut the Japanese withdrawal route with a long outflanking night march up steep hillsides. His ambush destroyed some forty supply vehicles carrying cash, rations and, to the Japanese, precious vehicle spares, tyres and petrol. It was estimated to have shortened the fighting in that area by two months.

The action, for which he won his DSO, took place towards the end of the campaign in May 1945 when the remnants of the Japanese armies were trying to escape across the Sittang River eastwards towards the borders of Burma. "Bunforce", an all-arms group based upon 2nd Welch under Cowey's command, was to clear the road from Toungoo on the Sittang eastwards to Mawchi, which



the Japanese were desperately trying to keep open, using a series of anti-tank gun blocks in depth along it. In six days of some of the hardest fighting of the campaign, calling for great courage, tactical skill and dogged determination under incessant monsoon rain, Bunforce cleared six miles of well-defended blocks, capturing 12 guns in the process; they were only stopped by three blown bridges.

Bernard Turing Vionnée Cowey was not a Welshman. His father, Lieutenant-Colonel R. V. Cowey, was a Channel Islander, and his mother was Dutch. Educated at Wellington and Sandhurst, he hoped to join a Scottish regiment, but the Welch Regiment were looking for rugby-playing talent and persuaded him to join them. When it came to selection for international sides, his successes captaining the Welch Regiment's XV was enough for Wales rather than Scotland to claim him. They were fortunate to have done so because he scored the winning try against Scotland in 1934.

Commissioned into the Welch Regiment in 1931, he saw service with the 1st Battalion during the Second World War in Palestine, Egypt (mentioned in dispatches in 1941), the Western Desert, Crete, Tobruk and India, where he commanded 2nd York & Lancasters in 1944 before assuming command of 2nd Welch in Burma in 1945.

After the war, he became a company commander at the reopened Sandhurst until 1950, when he had a spell as GSO1 in Greece. A year later he went to be Chief Instructor at the Quetta Staff College. In 1953 he was given peacetime command of the 1st Battalion of his regiment on its return from Korea to Hong Kong, making him the only officer to command both battalions.

Promoted brigadier in 1956, he commanded, in succession, 9th Independent Armoured Brigade (TA) and 148th Infantry Brigade (TA), 1956-58. He retired in 1963 after being Brigadier (Administration) in Singapore, followed by Inspector of Intelligence at Maresfield.

He started his retirement as an Army security vetting officer but, to his delight, was selected as the secretary of the Nottinghamshire TAVR Association in 1965. Two years later he became deputy secretary and then secretary of the TAVR Council at national level. He became a Deputy Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire in 1973 and was appointed OBE in 1976.

Besides playing rugby, he was a capable horseman with an interest in Arab bloodstock. He became show director of the Arab Horse Show, 1968-81, and bred and owned five racehorses. He chaired the Army Rugby Union Referees Society, 1963-73, and was the East Midlands regional secretary of the British Field Sports Society from 1975 to 1983. He was regional organiser of the Army Benevolent Fund.

He married Margaret Heath Dean (née Godwin) in 1947. They had no children. He was widowed in 1994.

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Copies of the report by the Administrative Receivers will be sent free of charge to unsecured creditors on application to the address shown below.

Dated this 16th day of September 1997

David R.F. Sapte & Frances E. Watson, JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS, Begbies 6, Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London, WC1R 5BP.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
TEXTILE RESOURCE LTD
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 10 September 1997, we, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU, and Jonathan Joseph Schapira of Leonard Curtis & Co, P O Box 553, 30, Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF were duly appointed Joint Liquidators of the company.

M J Carter J J Schapira
Dated this 10 September 1997

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE SUNDERLAND COUNTY COURT No. 75 of 1997

RE: DARREN VICTOR WHITFIELD a Musician of 14 Chesterton Road, Biddick Hall, South Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE34 9BQ and lately residing at REME Band, Arborfield Garrison, Reading, Berks and at 182 Chairborough Road, High Wycombe, Bucks and 20 Lane End Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. On 29 August 1997 the above-named Court made a Bankruptcy Order against the above-named debtor.

NOTE:- All debts due to the estate should be paid to me.
Date 10 September 1997
D S Henry
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The Insolvency Act 1986
Rule 2.10 FORM 2.5

Notice of Administration Order
In the matter of

Skate Attack Limited
Nature of Business - Skate Retailer

Administration Order Made 21 August 1997
Trade Classification: 5243 Footwear Retailer

Joint Administrators: Melvyn Julian Carter office holder no. 5773

Peter O Hara office holder no. 6371

Signed M Carter Dated 22 August 1997
for
Joint Administrators

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

CHARITY: The residuary estate of the late Agnes Worrall

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: KS-308872/39118-Legal(Liv)) at Charity Commission, 2nd floor, 20 Kings Parade, Queens Dock, Liverpool, L3 4DQ. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

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ON THIS DAY

September 19, 1905

For many years the bodies of railway carriages were made of wood. In serious accidents there could be "telescoping" of coaches which were sometimes smashed to matchwood causing many casualties. There was also the ever-present danger of fire.

STEEL RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Brush Electrical Engineering Company (Limited), a number of Press representatives and others visited the Metropolitan District Railway car depot at Mill-hill-park to inspect the first steel railway carriage constructed in this country. Steel railway carriages have been running for several years in the United States, and those on the New York Subway have, as it is stated, proved so satisfactory that the whole of the wooden stock on that line will in course of time be displaced by steel. Six steel railway carriages have also been running for more than two years on the Central London Railway. These, however, were a product of the United States; and it was not until recently that the Brush Electrical Engineering Company undertook to supply an all-steel railway carriage to the Underground Electric Railways of London for trial service on the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway.

The new railway carriage has been built to the designs of Mr. G.C. Cuningham, M.Inst.C.E., general manager of the Central London Railway, who, it is stated, has been successful in making several important improvements on American practice in the British-made carriage. The new railway carriage is claimed to be superior to the standard wooden car in three respects. The first is its absolute immunity from any danger of fire; the second, a considerable reduction in dead weight; and the third consists in the material reduction it will effect in expense of haulage. It is pointed out that railway rolling stock of the standard types, especially dining, sleeping, and corridor coaches, is tending to become more spacious, and consequently heavier. The cost of the steam or electricity required to propel each ton of rolling stock in regular service is an important feature in railway economy. On the London underground lines, for instance, this is estimated at £25 per ton per annum, and the reduction in the weight of a coach by, say, three tons would consequently represent a saving on that coach alone of £75 a year. The Brush Electrical Company estimate that a saving of about 20 per cent. in the weight of standard type of wooden railway coach will be effected by the substitution of steel carriages, and point out that, as there are over a million goods and passenger vehicles on British railways, there is ample prospect of a substantial reduction in running costs.

The steel carriage built by the Brush Electrical Engineering Company is formed of a steel frame with a body of pressed and riveted steel sheets. The sides have a slight outward curve, and prettily decorated in red and white the car certainly presents a tasteful and even elegant appearance. Its length over platforms is 49ft. 9½ in., its height from rail to roof 9 ft. 5½ in., its interior has a perpendicular of 7ft. 6in., whilst its extreme width is 8ft. 9in. The seating capacity of the car is 54, and its total weight 15tons 17cwt. against the 21tons 5cwt. of the Metropolitan District Railway coaches seating 52 passengers and the 18tons 16cwt. of the coaches of the Great Northern and City Railway seating 58 passengers . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 1997

NEWS

BBC backs down over changes

■ The BBC backed down yesterday over proposed changes to television and radio news after a wave of protest from key presenters and editors.

Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, intervened to suspend the moves as Tony Hall, the BBC's chief executive of news, admitted that neither the governors nor John Birt, the Director-General, had been fully appraised of the detail of the changes before they were announced .... **Pages 1, 2**

Tourists flee Cairo after attack

■ Hundreds of British tourists were evacuated from Cairo as the city was unofficially declared a no-go area for foreign holidaymakers after suspected Muslim militants attacked a tourist bus, killing ten people and wounding 19..... **Pages 1, 13**

Churchill restoration

The humble grave of Sir Winston Churchill and the quiet English churchyard where he is buried are to receive a £350,000 refurbishment .... **Pages 1, 5**

Warnock death

Baroness Warnock, a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisory group on medical ethics, revealed how her husband was helped to die by a doctor who advocates euthanasia........ **Page 3**

Palace intruder

Detectives are investigating how an intruder spent seven hours in Kensington Palace without being detected. The man was a convicted crack cocaine dealer with a mental illness .... **Page 6**

Milk saves runaway

A teenaged runaway was rescued from a life of heroin addiction after her photograph was printed on tens of thousands of milk cartons .... **Page 7**

Road hazard

The motor industry was attacked for doing too little to tackle air pollution or to counter the macho motoring culture which prizes big high-performance cars ..... **Page 8**

Hindley attack

A controversial portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in the Royal Academy of Arts' *Sensation* exhibition was attacked by two protesters when the show opened .... **Page 9**

Video game addicts

Almost one in four teenagers fears becoming addicted to fantasy video games, with around ten per cent spending more than 30 hours a week in front of the computer, says a survey........ **Page 10**

CIA meal of spying

The CIA has produced a cookbook of covert recipes designed to give the persecuted spy agency greater public appeal on its 50th anniversary .... **Page 11**

Saturn launch

The century's last great planetary probe — and the biggest spacecraft to be sent to the outer solar system — is ready for launch to Saturn........ **Page 11**

Summit soothing

The German Government played down harmful comments by Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, about the single European currency as the Franco-German summit began .... **Page 12**

Uganda child slaves

Ugandan children are being forced to take up arms and serve as sex slaves by rebels who aim to rule according to the Ten Commandments .... **Page 14**

Chinese change

The third most powerful man in China's leadership, the seemingly liberal Qiao Shi, was dropped from the Communist Party central committee as Jiang Zemin solidified his power .... **Page 15**

Modesty blamed for council cover-up

■ So many male members of a council were distracted during meetings by the legs of their female colleagues that a councillor insisted desks should be fitted with "modesty" curtains. East Riding council has spent £645 on the cover-up after a Liberal Democrat, Dave Ireland, said his colleagues spent their time voting on who had the best legs........ **Page 1**

CHRIS HARRIS

SENEDD
POLLING STATION

Jessica Griffiths arrives at Capel-y-Ffin polling station in Wales's Black Mountains to vote in yesterday's devolution referendum

BUSINESS

Pensions cost: The costs of compensating those missold personal pensions could be far higher than the £4 billion estimate....... **Page 23**

Accountants to merge: Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse have confirmed plans for a merger to create the biggest accounting firm in the world .... **Page 23**

Pit closures: Coal unions may force the early closure of some pits owned by RJB Mining as part of a battle over redundancy entitlements worth an estimated £65 million .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 33.1 points to close at 5046.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.5 to 100.6 after a rise from $1.6024 to $1.6157 and from DM2.8327 to DM2.8612..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: Kent, who started the final round of county championship games one point behind the leaders Glamorgan, took a first-innings lead of 93 over Surrey at Canterbury........ **Page 44**

Motor racing: Damon Hill, who was dropped by the Arrows team, is set to sign for Jordan, where he will partner Ralf Schumacher next season .... **Page 44**

Football: Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers could still be banned from the game for life after being charged with breaking the Football Association's betting rules **Page 38**

Sailing: Lawrie Smith was officially confirmed as director of sailing for Great Britain's America's Cup campaign for Auckland in 2000 .... **Page 42**

ARTS

Tennstedt's legacy: "I doubt whether I shall ever encounter another conductor so capable of embodying the frailty of man and the greatness of mankind," says Richard Morrison about Klaus Tennstedt, who is gravely ill........ **Page 31**

Guarded enthusiasm: The new West End musical, *Enter the Guardsman*, gets a muted fanfare of welcome from Benedict Nightingale .... **Page 31**

Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran talks to The Sundays; David Sinclair reviews the new album from the Icelandic chanteuse Björk. Plus reviews and Top Ten .... **Page 32-33**

West Brom humour: Frank Skinner, comedian and incurable West Bromwich Albion supporter, has embarked on a tour........ **Page 34**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **METRO**
Going Wilde for Jennifer Ehle: Alan Jackson is entranced with the star playing Oscar's wife

■ **MAGAZINE**
Growing up with the mob: Victoria Gotti on her Mafia father

FEATURES

Thief of arts: It was called America's art theft of the century. The FBI think they know who did it, but not where the spoils are. However, a Boston journalist may have the answer .... **Page 16**

Political couple: Dorian Jabri talks for the first time about his private and political partnership with Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport .... **Page 17**

EDUCATION

Here and there: John O'Leary looks at discontent over Whitehall control of schools, while Mark Whitaker reports on a radical experiment in Chicago........ **Page 35**

Question of grammar: Many students lack the basic equipment to build a proper sentence, says Susan Elkin .... **Page 35**

Come September: Chris Barton, Professor of Family Law at Staffordshire University, describes the start of a new term........ **Page 35**

THE PAPERS

Half-way good news from Oslo, where nearly one hundred countries have agreed to a treaty banning landmines. The signatories promise never to use, develop, produce, store, advertise or distribute anti-pesonnel mines. If the pact is ratified in December there is a chance that one of the most horrific weapons will be phased out.

— *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*

TV LISTINGS

Review: John Diamond finds the cool, rational, non-superficial approach of *Horizon* (BBC2) a striking contrast with other science programmes. **Preview:** a new angling series, *The Big Catch*, begins on Lake Nasser in Egypt (BBC2, 8.00pm) .... **Pages 42, 43**

OPINION

Death in Cairo

Economically, Egypt is modernising rapidly, but it is politically stagnant. Broader trust in the political leadership is needed to consolidate a victory that must still be judged provisional........ **Page 19**

Beyond shame

If the public is to learn to trust the pension sector again, there is only one solution. Salesmen who work for companies should be paid salaries, not commission........ **Page 19**

I spy what I eat

A sous-chef at a fashionable brasserie in St Germain des Prés would be as horrified as the most discreet MI6 controller to be asked to identify his sauces........ **Page 19**

COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS

Never let your daughter marry a mountaineer. Serious climbers are seriously weird folk. Just how weird, and just how formidable, I have had the chance to discover........ **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

Pious national anthems are dire. Once it decided to drop *God Save the Queen*, Australia should have adopted *Waltzing Matilda* **Page 18**

JOHN LLOYD

The Crown and the Church are deeply exhausted. The slicing away, especially since the Sixties, of the public dignity of both institutions has been both careless and relentless........ **Page 18**

OBITUARIES

The Rev J.S. Whale, Congregational minister; **Red Skelton**, comedian; **James Dunnachie**, former Labour MP; **Brigadier Bernard Cowey**, soldier and rugby player........ **Page 21**

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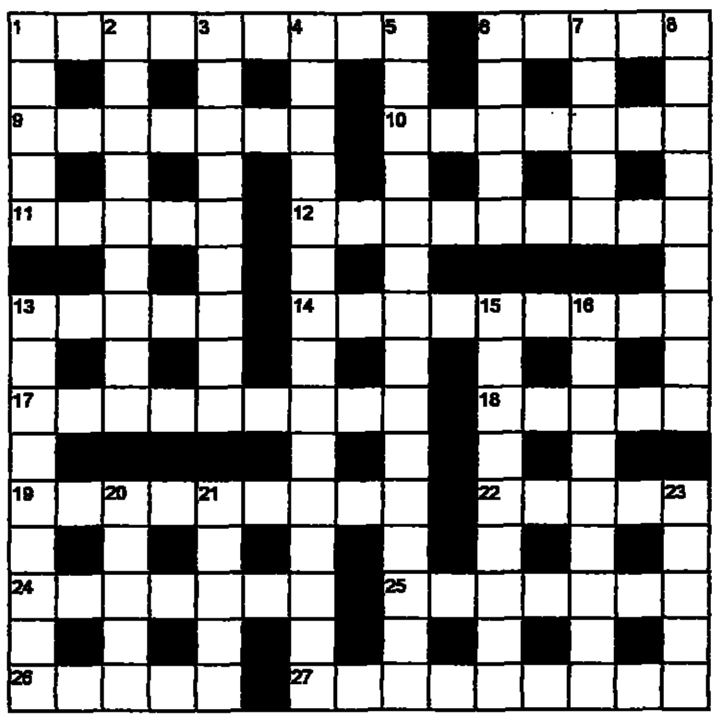

ACROSS

1 Medusa taking dessert before main course (9).
6 Flourish in suit (5).
9 Almost unworthy of being included in a little trinket (7).
10 Chatter about one very averse to publicity (7).
11 It's installed up front in truck and compels honest operation (5).
12 English very, very good, zealously advocating cause (9).
13 Brass money, old and new, withdrawn (5).
14 Calibre is incorrect, with a short fuse (9).
17 Passed a range of knowledge on to public (9).
18 A maiden to keep supplying generously (5).
19 Old object thrown to drop around female and cause confusion (9).
22 One given accommodation by fat landowner (5).
24 Skill employed in little drink (7).
25 Best be silent on short measure of drink (7).
26 Grand piano blemished, to some extent (5).
27 Nearly let out for ever (9).

DOWN

1 Write briefly about Jack's ornamental frill (5).
2 Lofts partners utilise for making stew (9).
3 Most chicken's so well cooked on the outside, however (9).
4 Imprisoned frequently, I am finally free at critical moment (2,3,4,2,4).
5 Eternal optimist will produce strife within author's family (4,7,4).
6 Ask about popular person (5).
7 Flimsy basket (5).
8 They care surprisingly about sovereign's infidelity (9).
13 Foil employer, perhaps, who wants to avoid strike (9).
15 Daily, part of Africa turns up fraud (9).
16 Psalm a bit unusual at christening (9).
20 Rosemary or Heather, say, mixed drink (5).
21 Nothing charged for fruit (5).
23 Inactive bridge player leading one to expect pass (5).

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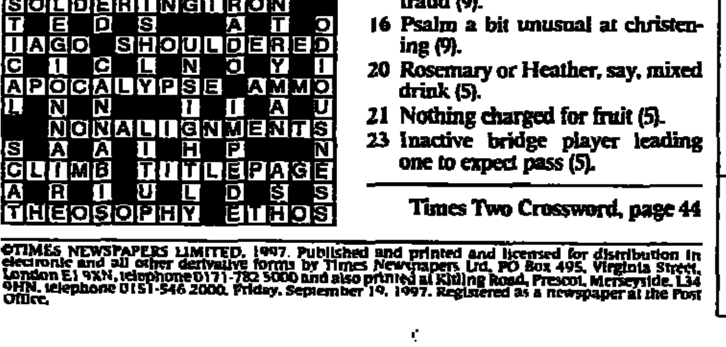

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Bristol 7 16 pm to 6 53 am
Edinburgh 7 20 pm to 6.54 am
Manchester 7 15 pm to 6 51 am
Penzance 7 27 pm to 7 05 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Scotland and the far north of England mostly sunny after a very chilly start. Northern Ireland and the southern half of northern England dry with early cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Wales and the rest of England will start grey with patchy fog. A little light rain in Wales and the Midlands. This drizzly rain will move into southern and southwest England with brighter skies reaching Midlands, East Anglia and southeast England.

From the Midlands northwards, cold tonight with patchy fog and ground frost.

☐ **London, SE England, Channel Isles:** morning mist will clear to leave a mostly fine day. Cooler and cloudier than yesterday. Moderate NE breeze. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, E, NW England, N Wales:** Early cloud and the odd shower, but soon brightening up. Sunny in afternoon. Cool NE wind. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Cent S, SW England, S Wales:** Cloudy, patchy light rain. Mod E wind. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Lakes, IoM, Cent N, NE England:** Fog and ground frost will soon clear; then dry and mainly sunny. Chilly E breeze. Max 16C (61F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll:** Early patchy fog and frost, then dry and mainly sunny. Chilly E breeze. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland:** Cloudy at times, but generally dry with sunny spells. Cold start. Light and variable wind. Max 14C (57F)

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy at times, but generally dry with sunny spells. Mod NW wind. Max 14C (57F)

☐ **N Ireland:** Mostly fine and sunny, but extreme south rather cloudy. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain or showers; brighter in west. Wind E moderate or fresh. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Outlook:** Mostly dry and sunny. Overnight mist and fog. Extreme southwest rather cloudy

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm, du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.8	-	15	59	s	Lerwick	7.5	0.13	10	50	sh
Anglesey	3.6	0.01	17	63	sh	Leuchars	10.7	-	14	57	s
Aspatria	2.3	0.01	15	59	c	Littlehmptn	9.8	-	21	70	s
Aviemore	8.1	0.01	14	57	fg	London	8.9	-	25	77	s
Belfast	5.6	-	15	59	s	Lowestoft	9.1	-	19	66	s
Birmingham	5.0	-	22	72	fg	Manchester	2.7	0.01	19	66	b
Bognor R	11.4	-	22	72	s	Minehead	8.4	-	21	70	s
Bristol	8.6	0.01	24	75	s	Morecambe	1.3	0.01	14	57	du
Buxton	3.6	-	11	52	s	Newcastle	3.0	0.02	14	57	b
Cardiff	9.7	-	22	72	s	Newquay	5.2	-	23	73	s
Cleethorpes	0.7	0.01	15	59	c	Oxford	9.1	0.01	23	73	s
Colwyn Bay	0.9	-	16	61	c	Penzance	X	0.01	18	64	fg
Cromer	5.7	-	18	64	s	Poole	9.1	-	23	73	s
Dunbar	9.1	-	13	55	s	Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	b
Eastbourne	6.5	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	4.4	0.04	22	72	sh
Edinburgh	10.7	-	15	59	s	Salcombe	2.6	-	21	70	c
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Glasgow	9.9	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	8.1	0.01	12	54	b
Guernsey	10.0	-	21	70	s	Swanage	8.0	-	21	70	s
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Hunstanton	4.3	-	17	63	b	Tenby	4.9	0.01	18	64	b
Isle-of-man	2.8	0.01	16	61	b	Tiree	9.1	-	14	57	s
Isle-of-wight	7.6	-	21	70	b	Torquay	6.9	-	21	70	s
Jersey	10.9	-	27	81	s	Tynemouth	-	0.02	12	54	s
Kinloss	8.4	0.01	16	61	s	West-s-mare	9.0	-	23	73	s
Leeds	0.5	0.02	13	55	d	Weymouth	7.2	-	20	68	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26 79 s	Corfu	27 81 s	Madrid	25 77 f	Riyadh	39 102 s
Akrotiri	29 84 s	C'phagn	18 64 s	Majorca	27 81 s	Rome	25 77 f
Alex'dria	29 84 f	Dublin	15 59 s	Malaga	27 81 s	S Fr'isco	21 70 s
Algiers	27 81 f	Dubrovnik	24 75 s	Malta	24 75 s	S Paulo	26 79 s
Amst'dm	18 64 c	Faro	28 82 s	Melb'rne	11 52 f	Salzburg	22 72 s
Athens	22 72 c	Florence	25 77 s	Mexico C	21 70 f	Santiago	27 81 s
B Aires	X	Frankfurt	22 72 f	Miami	28 82 f	Seoul	25 77 s
Bahrain	33 91 s	Funchal	25 77 c	Milan	25 77 s	Sing'por	33 91 f
Bangkok	34 93 f	Geneva	21 70 s	Montreal	19 66 s	St'kholm	16 61 s
Barbados	30 86 f	Gibraltar	25 77 f	Moscow	16 61 c	Strasb'rg	X
Barcelona	24 75 s	Helsinki	13 55 r	Munich	22 72 s	Sydney	15 59 c
Beirut	27 81 f	Hong K	27 81 f	N Delhi	32 90 s	Tangier	29 84 f
Belgrade	21 70 s	Innsbrck	22 72 s	N York	23 73 s	Tel Aviv	29 84 s
Berlin	22 72 s	Istanbul	21 70 f	Nairobi	27 81 s	Tenerife	28 82 s
Bermuda	27 81 r	Jeddah	35 95 s	Naples	26 79 f	Tokyo	28 82 c
Biarritz	28 82 s	Jo'burg	X	Nice	25 77 s	Toronto	20 68 r
Borde'x	27 81 s	Karachi	X	Oslo	18 64 f	Tunis	28 82 f
Brussels	22 72 s	L Angels	27 81 f	Paris	26 79 s	Valencia	25 77 f
Budapst	21 70 s	L Palmas	26 79 s	Peking	21 70 f	Vanc'ver	15 59 f
Cairo	32 90 s	Le Touquet	21 70 s	Perth	21 70 f	Venice	23 73 s
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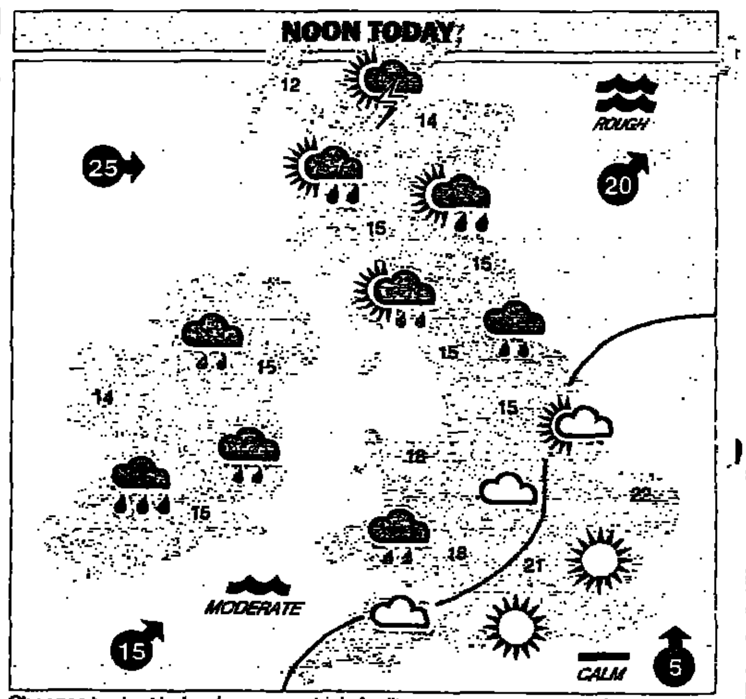

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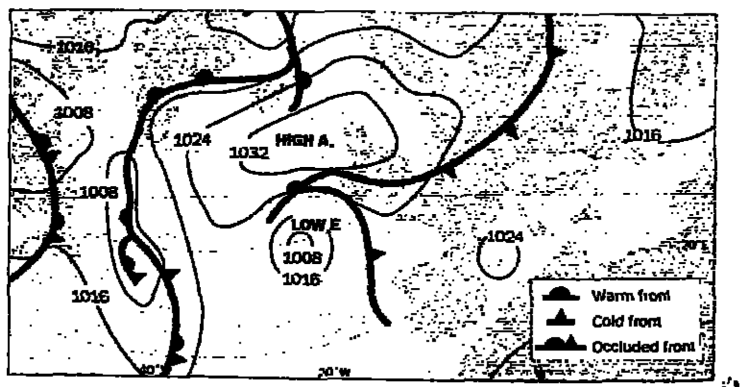

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	04.13	7.7	16.27	7.8	Leith	04.47	6.2	17.16	6.0
Aberdeen	03.28	4.8	16.01	4.6	Liverpool	01.22	10.4	13.45	10.0
Avonmouth	09.44	14.3	22.06	14.4	Lowestoft	11.42	2.9	-	-
Belfast	01.06	3.8	13.34	3.6	Margate	02.24	5.0	14.30	5.1
Cardiff	09.30	13.2	21.52	13.3	Milford Haven	08.41	7.5	21.03	7.6
Devonport	08.15	5.8	20.36	5.9	Newquay	07.32	7.5	19.55	7.6
Dover	01.09	7.0	13.30	7.2	Oban	08.03	4.2	20.31	4.4
Dublin (N Wall)	01.36	4.6	14.09	4.3	Penzance	07.02	5.9	19.24	6.0
Falmouth	07.46	5.6	20.07	5.7	Portland	09.35	2.3	21.50	2.4
Greenock	02.54	3.9	15.16	3.7	Portsmouth	01.21	5.0	13.50	5.0
Harwich	02.09	4.4	14.24	4.5	Shoreham	01.23	6.7	13.50	6.7
Holyhead	00.21	6.3	12.48	5.9	Southampton	00.51	5.0	13.18	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	08.30	9.6	21.03	9.2	Swansea	08.48	10.5	21.09	10.6
Ilfracombe	08.27	10.0	20.50	10.0	Tees	05.53	6.0	18.25	5.7
King's Lynn	08.40	7.7	21.16	7.2	Walton-on-N	02.00	4.6	14.14	4.6

All times BST Heights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Islands 27C (81F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Aberport, Dyfed, 0.33in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 11.4hr

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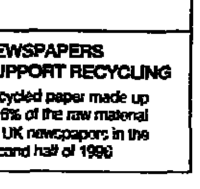

Total number of lives saved so far this year:	556
Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year:	2,413
Cost to RNLI per day:	£193,000
Cost to taxpayer:	£0
To make a donation, telephone:	0800 543210

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Unions threaten RJB pit closures to secure payoffs

Budge: rolling contract

By Christine Buckley
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE coal unions may force the early closure of some pits owned by RJB Mining as part of a battle over redundancy entitlements worth an *estimated* £65 million.

The unions fear that employees of RJB will miss out on redundancy packages worth up to £27.000 for miners and up to £60,000 for colliery managers because the company has not made progress in crucial contract talks with the generators and has not yet set out plans for its future. The severance schemes, inherited from British Coal, finish with the expiry at the end of March of the government-arranged coal contracts with the electrity generators.

RJB last month closed the Asfordby superpit but offered jobs in other pits for most of the 450 miners. The firm could launch a redundancy programme on April 1 and be allowed to pay only the statutory redundancy. This is a maximum of £6.000 but is likely to average £4,000 for RJB workers. If — as industry insiders forecast — renegotiation of the electricity contracts lead to five or six pits closing, then the redundancy cash at stake is more than £65 million.

Union leaders are pressing Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB, both for fresh redundancy terms and progress on the contract negotiations. One union leader *said*: "If we get to Christmas and there is no deal signed then we could see pit closures forced by the employees to secure the payments."

Another industry source said: "There are bound to be closures because the market doesn't need the quantity of coal that RJB has."

The market for coal is declining as *more electricity generation comes* from gas. The renegotiation of the March 1998 contracts are crucial but RJB faces increasing competition from cheap imports and small mining companies. It is believed that RJB is nowhere near a deal with any of the three *major* generators. Mr Budge, who is on an 18-month rolling contract earning £299,280, is said to be sticking to a tough price for the coal while calling on government help *to* extend the coal contracts.

Mr Budge inherited redundancy liabilities under the Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment regulations, a European *provision to maintain employees'* terms and conditions.

Neil Greatrex, president of the Union of Democratic Miners, said: "There is an increasing concern that is going around the industry that redundancies will be made after March 31 and the employees will lose the rights they had." Mr Greatrex said he has tried to raise the issue with John Battle, Energy Minister, but has not been able to get a meeting. The Department of Trade and Industry would not comment.

RJB said: "The issue of redundancies is not one we are looking at because there are no plans for redundancies at *present. Until we have renegotiated the* contracts we don't know our production requirements."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FTSE 100	5046.2	(+33.1)
Yield	3.28%	
FTSE All share	2370.17	(+13.5)
Nikkei	*17930.09*	*(+246.82)*
New York:		
Dow Jones	7987.70	(+101.26)*
S&P Composite	954.89	(+11.89)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5½%*	(5⁷⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	100[illegible]*	(99[illegible])
Yield	*6.37%**	*(6.39%)*
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	7[illegible]%	(7[illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	117[illegible]	(117[illegible])
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6080*	(1.6020)
London:		
$	1.6161	(1.6022)
DM	2.9618	(2.8336)
FFr	9.6124	(9.5191)
SFr	2.3591	(2.3264)
Yen	197.31	(192.47)
£ Index	*100.6*	*(99.5)*
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7802*	(1.7715)
FFr	5.9795*	(5.9510)
SFr	1.4661*	(1.4613)
Yen	121.73*	(120.94)
$ Index	*105.7*	*(105.1*
Tokyo close Yen 121.25		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Dec)	$18.50	(n/a)
GOLD		
London close	$320.85	($320.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Pirates

The booming British music *industry is being exploited by* international music pirates who are illegally producing CDs worth an estimated £3.1 billion each year. **Page 24**

Merger cost

Sun Life & Provincial, which merged with AXA Equity & Law two months ago to form the third-largest group in the UK life and pensions market, spent £48 million on the deal. **Page 28**

Pensions mis-selling costs will top £4bn

By Caroline Merrell

THE costs *to* life insurers of compensating those that have been mis-sold personal pensions could be far higher than the original £4 billion estimate.

The soaring compensation cost figures emerged as Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, revealed that a further 1.5 million pension mis-selling victims have yet to be identified.

Figures from the Personal Investment Authority show that, so far, the industry has offered more than £452 million of compensation to only 73,000 victims — an average of £6,000 per case. An estimated further 100,000 have yet to be compensated from a *total of* nearly 600,000 priority cases. Work on finding the extra 1.5 million non-priority cases, highlighted by Mrs Liddell, has not even started for many companies. The two million total means that around a quarter of those with personal pensions could have been mis-sold a policy.

City experts have calculated that, if only a third of these two *million cases require* compensation, the bill for the industry will exceed £4 billion. Bacon & Woodrow, the leading firm of actuaries working on mis-selling claims, yesterday agreed that costs of compensation could top the £4 billion estmates.

The compensation process has already begun to take a heavy toll on the balance sheets of some of the UK's biggest insurers. Prudential has put aside £450 million to pay compensation. Britannic has set aside £150 million, *while Axa Equity & Law said* yesterday that it had put aside £32 million. Pearl, which has among the highest number of cases, has refused to reveal how much compensation could cost. However, it has *paid out* £500,000 on one case alone. Mrs Liddell said: "We actually do not know what the final amount is. It is a time bomb for many individuals." Those in the second group of non-priority cases will include *many younger* people, under the age of 35. Mrs Liddell pointed out that many of these will have bought personal pensions believing that they were being financially prudent.

In an effort to keep up the pressure, Mrs Liddell named a further 17 firms yesterday that have high numbers of mis-selling cases. These included Standard Life, Albany Life, Axa Equity & Law, Commercial Union, and the three biggest networks of independent financial advisers — Burns Anderson, Countrywide and DBS.

Mrs Liddell has now named 41 firms that are the most guilty. She estimates they represent 83 per cent of all cases. *In an effort to hasten* the review, the Treasury now plans to publish figures on compensation each month.

Mrs Liddell claims that her policy of "naming and shaming" the guilty companies has already had a significant effect on the speed of the review. She said: "The industry has now sat up and taken note of it. We have seen a massive upturn in activity."

The Prudential last week admitted that it was unlikely *to meet* its first deadline for compensating priority cases. She said: "I am very disappointed at the Pru."

The Pru said some of the delay had been caused by the mis-allocation of 8,000 cases. A Pru spokesman said: "We are disappointed that we are likely to miss the deadline."

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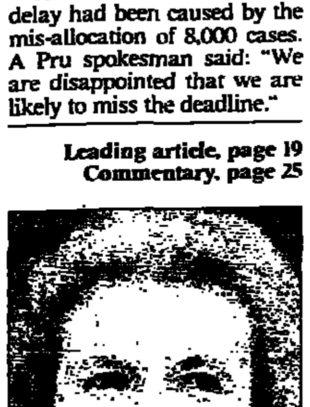

Liddell: "a time bomb"

ANTHONY UPTON

Do it yourself: Bill Grimsey, chief executive of Wickes, announced that he intends to move the company further into mainstream DIY retailing

Wickes unveils the future

By Sarah Cunningham

WICKES, the DIY retailer, yesterday attempted to draw a line under last year's accounting scandal as it unveiled a four-year plan to introduce new store formats and wider ranges.

The company unveiled a pre-tax loss of £14.7 million for the six months to June 30 because of a £16 million write-off of goodwill after the disposal of its continental operations last year. Operating profit of £3.65 million pleased the City, which marked the shares up 16½p to 196p. There is no interim dividend.

The Serious Fraud Office is continuing to investigate former directors of Wickes after uncovering of a £50 million-plus hole in its accounts.

Bill Grimsey, chief executive, said that he plans to move Wickes further into mainstream DIY retailing, while retaining its stake in the heavier, building materials end, *in* order to build margins from the current 2.3 per cent to the industry average of 5 to 6 per cent.

The company will invest about £3 million in converting six stores to a new trial format, carrying a broader range in areas such as paints, wallcoverings and bathroom accessories, and will also invest in an upgraded information technology system.

Competition threat to creation of world's biggest accountant

By Robert Bruce

COOPERS & LYBRAND and Price Waterhouse yesterday confirmed plans for a merger that will create the biggest accounting firm in the world. But the deal has still to clear regulatory hurdles in the UK and US.

A small team of fewer than a dozen is now working on proposals on which the two firms' 8,500 partners can vote *before the end of the year.*

If the partners vote it through, the new firm would replace Arthur Andersen as the global leader in accounting. Andersen's global fee income in 1996 was $9.5 billion (£5.9 billion). The combined 1996 figures for Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse amount to *$11.8* billion.

Anxious to avoid suggestions that US and UK competition authorities would be looking at the deal in detail, partners were emphasising the benefits of size to clients. Nicholas Moore, of Coopers, *who would chair the proposed* new firm, said that together the firms "will have global reach, the global strength and the integrated management structure" needed for success.

The deal faces scrutiny under US anti-trust legislation. In the UK, the Department of Trade and Industry was unable to say whether the Office of Fair Trading or the EU would examine the merger. The combined firm would audit more than half the companies in the FTSE 100.

The proposed new firm does not have a name. "Accoun*tants are not terribly* good at this," said Ian Brindle, deputy chairman of Price Waterhouse, Europe.

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Institutional apathy reigns despite 'fat-cat' controversy

By Jason Nissé

PRESSURE from the Cadbury Committee, the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the National Association of *Pension Funds (NAPF) for* institutional investors to make their voices heard with companies has had little effect, research published today will show.

A comprehensive study of voting at annual shareholder meetings by Pirc, the City consultancy, has found that the average level of votes cast on motions which public companies put to shareholders increased by just 1.6 per cent between 1993 and 1996.

The report, to be presented at today's Pirc Conference on the Hampel Committee report *into corporate governance*, reveals that the average vote was 39.3 per cent last year despite institutions holding more than 80 per cent of shares in UK companies. The ABI and NAPF recommend that their members vote all their shares on all motions which companies put to shareholders.

Pirc found that the level of opposition to company motions had increased — however the average opposition has risen from 0.64 per cent to only 1.07 per cent. No company motions were defeated at annual meetings *in* 1996.

Pirc said: "Although the level of institutional voting has risen only 2 per cent, there is a growing trend towards oppose and abstain votes, indicating a higher degree of scrutiny."

The research also shows that 95 per cent of institutions had developed corporate governance guidelines, but only a third actually communicated these guidelines to the companies in which they invest.

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Friedman says IMF ought to be abolished

By Alasdair Murray
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MILTON FRIEDMAN yesterday stunned delegates gathering in Hong Kong for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund by claiming that the organisation should have been abolished 26 years ago.

The Nobel laureate — regarded as the founding father of the monetarist economic doctrine that dominated *British economics in the 1980s — also* warned Europe that pressing ahead with monetary union could lead to the break-up of the European Union.

Professor Friedman, speaking in Hong Kong before today's opening meetings, argued that the IMF had *long outlived its purpose.* "It should have been abolished in 1971 and if not then now," he said. "If you had a *private enterprise* whose function had disappeared it would go bankrupt and out of existence, but not a government organisation."

The IMF was founded immediately after the end of the Second World War to supervise fixed exchange rates established under the Bretton Woods agreement. But this role disappeared after the dollar floated in 1971.

Professor Friedman, who preached free market capitalism for more than quarter of a century from his base at the University of Chicago, was scathing about the IMF's new role of offering cheap loans to governments that run into debt problems, most recently bailing out Thailand with $17 billion in bridging loans. He claimed that most of the governments "have exercised too much influence on their economies rather than too little" and the IMF "now does more harm than good".

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CBI offers manufacturers hope on exports

By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent

THE sharp decline in manufacturing export orders may be levelling off, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

The CBI's September monthly trends survey provides the first tentative evidence that the manufacturing sector has weathered the worst of the damage caused by the strong pound.

Separate data also published yesterday shows money supply pressures easing slightly although economists said the slowdown is unlikely to prevent further rate rises.

Fewer manufacturers reported below average export orders in September, the CBI said, although order books remain very weak and close to the five-year low recorded last month.

Sudhir Junakur, associate director of economic analysis at the CBI, said: "Although our survey shows export demand still to be weak, there is just a hint from the figures that the sharp deterioration since June has levelled off."

But economists cautioned that there is little sign of the sector benefiting greatly from the recent slide in the pound.

Total order books weakened because of a slight moderation in domestic demand and remain below normal for the sixth consecutive month. But the CBI said output growth expectations are healthy while the strong pound continues to hold back inflation.

The latest raft of monetary statistics also sent mixed signals to the markets with lending figures showing some signs of slowdown but consumer credit figures rising.

Annual growth of M4, the measure of broad money supply, declined from 12 per cent to 11.6 per cent in August — although it remains above the old monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent. M4 bank and building society lending declined from £4.2 billion to £4 billion, the lowest level for two years. But economists said this figure had been flattered by the effect of the gilt repo market.

Separate figures produced by the British Bankers Association showed lending to individuals by the high street banks declining to £1.25 billion in August from £1.29 billion. The mortgage lending component rose £753 million, compared with a six-month average of £818 million, backing up other evidence that the housing boom is beginning to slow.

But the BBA measure of consumer credit surged to £499 million from £411 million in July. Building Society Association data also showed gross mortgage lending falling slightly in August to £2.14 billion, while net advances increased marginally to £1.13 billion.

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Pirates of the high Cs plunder £3.1bn

By Chris Ayres

THE booming British music industry is being exploited by international music pirates who are illegally producing CDs worth an estimated £3.1 billion each year, according to an international copyright watchdog.

Many of the CDs, such as Oasis's *Be Here Now* and *Spice* by the Spice Girls, enter the black market only days after being released. The illegal production of CDs is often backed by international organised crime groups, such as the Chinese triads and the Russian, Bulgarian and Italian mafias.

The revelation will come as an embarrassment to the British music industry, which claimed that CDs were "unpirateable" when they were launched in the early 1980s. In those days, a CD manufacturing plant cost more than £30 million and needed to be housed in a large warehouse.

Now, a machine the size of a small filing cabinet costing only £350,000 can produce up to 5 million CDs a year. Over recent years the number of CD producing plants has exploded, with many running at undercapacity, especially in Bulgaria and China.

These factors, alongside a widespread feeling that legitimate CDs are overpriced, have allowed the black market to expand by 6 per cent over the past year, with further growth expected.

British based record companies, such as EMI and Polygram, now fear that the huge growth expected in foreign sales of British music will be felt mainly in the black market. A survey published earlier this week by Crédit Suisse, the Swiss bank, suggested that foreign sales could double before 2002.

Nic Garnett, director general of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, said: "The amount of CDs being illegally produced is enormous. HMV in Oxford Street contains 1 million CDs at any one time. You would need 350 HMVs to get the amount of CDs pirated every year. That is how big the problem is."

The industry-funded IFPI yesterday unveiled a "zero tolerance" policy for CD piracy. It also announced the appointment of a head of enforcement, Iain Grant, the former head of the Hong Kong police narcotics division.

He said: "We need to go for the jugular, hit the big players and have a ruthless approach. When music pirates think about the IFPI I want them to think about jail sentences, confiscation of assets and of expensive and lengthy litigation."

IMF casts doubts on debt help

From Janet Bush
in Hong Kong

The International Monetary Fund yesterday sounded a distinctly defeatist note on its initiative to relieve the debts of the world's poorest nations.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, refused to express any optimism that its highly indebted poor countries debt initiative (HIPC) would make further progress at the fund's annual meeting.

He cast doubt on whether the fund would get the financial resources it needs from its members to fulfil the promises of HIPC and he placed the onus back on poor countries to improve their economic performance.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, arrives in Hong Kong today, determined to reinforce progress towards debt relief. At this week's meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers in Mauritius, he pledged that Britain would fulfil its promises made under the HIPC initiatives and British government sources said that they would immediately release about $32 million (£20 million) that had been pledged to the IMF for debt relief.

But there is an increasing perception that the momentum behind HIPC has been lost.

ANDREW WEEKES

Confident: Mark Pullen, left, the Geest finance director, with Ian Menzies-Gow

Geest chills out with 74% rise

By Chris Ayres

GEEST, the chilled foods group that recently shed its volatile bananas business, lifted profits 74 per cent in the half year to July 5, from £7.3 million to £12.7 million. The strong performance was helped by growing demand for chilled convenience foods. Turnover rose cent from £207 million to £227 million, with earnings per share up from 6.9p to 12.5p. The interim dividend will be increased for the first time in five years, from 3.7p to 4p, payable on December 31. The shares rose 18p to 347p in response.

The company said it would continue to look for bolt-on acquisitions.

Ian Menzies-Gow, chairman, said: "The year to date has more than met our expectations. The chilled convenience foods market is growing strongly and we have significant positions within it. With a strong cash flow and sound balance sheet we shall continue to invest to match demand. We are confident of the outcome for this year."

GEC joint venture flotation 'is a possibility'

By Adam Jones

GEC's French partner on the GEC-Alsthom joint venture said yesterday that the £4 billion business may be floated, although it still prefers a merger with a French state-owned nuclear engineering group.

GEC owns 50 per cent of the joint venture. The other half is owned by Alcatel Alsthom, the French telecoms and electrical engineering group. Alcatel was thought to oppose to a flotation but Serge Tchuruk, chairman, said it was a possibility yesterday, as he unveiled a return to profitability in the first half of 1997 for the French group.

However, he added that Alcatel still prefers a merger with Framatome, in which it has a 44 per cent stake.

George Simpson, GEC managing director, signalled in early July that he would like to float GEC-Alsthom, a power and transport equipment maker, to focus GEC more on defence electronics. A decision was expected within three months, leaving mid-October as a general deadline.

M Tchuruk repeated his dissatisfaction with joint venture arrangements. The company has a 44 per cent stake in Thomson-CSF, controlled by the French state.

M Tchuruk said he expected orders to pick up at GEC-Alsthom, where a programme to cut costs by 30 per cent is being implemented. The 12.3 per cent return on equity after charges is dwarfed by the 22 per cent enjoyed by ABB, the Swiss-Swedish group, but better than the 10.5 per cent of Siemens.

GEC shares closed 4p up at 387p. Analysts were unsure how much Alcatel had softened on the float option. "It's not entirely clear what Alcatel are saying," said one. But if GEC succeeds in floating GEC-Alsthom, some feel it would tempt bidders for the previously hard-to-digest group, driving up the GEC share price.

Investment race fails to cut taxes

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

GLOBAL competition for investment is not causing a dramatic reduction in levels of corporate taxation, a new study published today concludes.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies argues that there is no empirical evidence that tax competition between countries is driving tax revenues toward zero or causing a significant erosion of the tax base. The IFS study, *Taxing Profits in a Changing World*, examines corporate taxation in ten OECD countries, including Britain and Ireland, during the period 1979 to 1994.

The IFS finds that the average statutory tax rate for corporations has declined from around 48 per cent (1979) to 40 per cent (1994) and there has been some convergence in rates in the countries studied.

But changes in the treatments of corporate investment allowances, which have resulted in the widening of the tax base, have ensured that tax revenue has remained relatively stable. Measures of the effective tax rates incurred by corporations were also fairly static. The IFS, however, says that the countries examined do not necessarily include those where tax competition is greatest and that other changes could also have important consequences.

Raine helps confidence at Alfred McAlpine

By Paul Durman

Whitehead: doubters

ALFRED McALPINE, the housebuilding and civil engineering group, is confident that its recovery is set to continue after the rapid integration of Raine, its recent acquisition.

Oliver Whitehead, chief executive, said: "Most of the restructuring is done and dusted. We have to convince the doubters in the market place that this is a good deal for McAlpine." Sceptics have suggested the Raine deal simply brought together two weak companies.

McAlpine has integrated Raine's housebuilding arm to form eight regional companies. It has just sold West Venture, Raine's US housing business, for £12.2 million, and expects to raise a further £7.5 million from selling its commercial properties in the UK and US, along with land in Spain.

Acquired in mid-June, Raine contributed only £700,000 to first-half operating profits of £6.8 million (£3.7 million).

McAlpine's private housebuilding business made a £4.6 million profit (£2.9 million). The civil engineering arm reported flat profits of £1.3 million, while the special projects division only broke even.

Alfred McAlpine will pay an unchanged interim dividend of 3p a share on November 28.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ernst & Young pays $100m out of court

ERNST & YOUNG, the accountant, has agreed to pay $100 million (£60 million) for its role in a 1990 US banking crisis. As auditor of a local insurer, Ernst & Young was implicated in the closure of 45 banks and credit unions in the state of Rhode Island. The crisis started with the failure of a small bank insured by the Ernst & Young client, which led to a state-wide run on deposits and the unexpected collapse of the insurer, whose reserves were depleted. Ernst & Young denies any wrongdoing and said it settled out of court because of the high cost of commercial litigation in the US. It claimed that part of the $100 million was covered by its own insurance.

The accountant, the second-biggest in the US after yesterday's megamerger, is expected to report annual revenues of $3.6 billion (£2 billion) at the end of this month. Of the big six acountancy firms, Ernst & Young has been hardest hit by US compensation settlements, according to the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys. In the four years up to 1995, Ernst & Young had to pay $400 million out of a total of $1.1 billion.

Daiwa Securities raided

JAPAN'S financial scandal tripped up a third big brokerage firm yesterday as prosecutors raided Daiwa Securities and alleged the firm had made huge payoffs to the racketeer at the heart of the affair. Tokyo prosecutors alleged in a statement that Daiwa Securities had paid a total of 67.28 million yen (about £347,000) to Ryuichi Koike, a *sokaiya* corporate racketeer. Mr Koike is already under arrest for his alleged role in the payoff scandal in which Nomura Securities, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank and Yamaichi Securities are embroiled.

US trade deficit grows

RECORD imports helped by car purchases from Japan and falling exports pushed the US trade deficit up sharply in July. The Commerce Department said the shortfall in trade with the rest of the world jumped 24.7 per cent in July to $10.34 billion from $8.29 billion in June, much higher than the $9.4 billion deficit expected by Wall Street economists. William Daley, the Commerce Secretary, said America had been performing well given the slower economic growth among its top trading partners. But he had some tough words for Japan.

Gas price cut inquiry

THE gas regulator is to investigate British Gas's planned nationwide price cuts in the wake of concern that they will discriminate against low-income fuel users. The cuts, which would mean £28 off an average annual bill, do not apply to customers on pre-payment meters. Campaigners claim competition is increasing the relative burden of fuel costs on low-income households. Suppliers say pre-payment customers cost more to service so they are not generally offered the same rates as direct debit customers and prompt payers.

Help for small firms

THE Government yesterday backed an innovative new way of financing small firms in a move aimed at improving the competitiveness of small and medium-sized companies. The endorsement of European-style mutual guarantee funds for small firms came after The Co-operative and Unity Trust banks said that they would be financing mutual trust guarantee societies as a means of generating finance for companies. The Co-op is to finance local societies with an initial loan fund of £5 million over the next three years.

Protean bid approach

PROTEAN, the engineering group, saw its shares soar from 135p to 180p after revealing that it had received an approach that may or may not lead to an offer being made for the company. A further announcement will be made as soon as possible, shareholders were promised. At last night's closing price Protean is worth almost £80 million on the stock market. In the year to March 31 the group made pre-tax profits of £8.7 million on sales of £81.1 million. The shares hit a peak of 272p in 1996 but have recently traded as low as 125p.

Toyota 'for France'

TOYOTA yesterday refused to confirm reports that it has decided to build a new small car for the European market in France despite intense lobbying efforts by Britain to land the project. Japanese press reports said the nation's biggest carmaker plans to locate the plant in northeastern France, but will manufacture engines for the 1,000-1,300 cc car at its existing factory at Burnaston, near Derby. A Toyota spokesman insisted that no decision had been reached.

Gains for troubled Cape

CONTROVERSY over its former asbestos mining activities in South Africa overshadowed a return to profit for Cape, the building materials group, in the first half. It faces asbestos-related disease claims from five South Africans formerly employed at a subsidiary that no longer exists. Cape typically spends £2 million to £3 million a year settling asbestos claims. Profits before tax were £4 million, compared with a £19.7 million loss after one-off restructuring charges a year ago. The interim dividend is held at 3p, payable on November 14.

Chairman sells shares

THE chairman of European Telecom, the distributor of mobile phones and accessories, yesterday sold 4.9 million shares at 235p, raising about £11.5 million. The shares were floated last year at half that price. Warren Hardy said he sold the shares, representing about 15 per cent of the outstanding share capital, to expand the company's shareholder base and improve liquidity. He still owns 53.6 per cent of the company. The sale came as the company announced the appointment of Ian Lang, former President of the Board of Trade, as deputy chairman.

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CHANGING TIMES

Building society takes issue with member who published booklet

Britannia closes carpetbagger's account

By Our City Staff

BRITANNIA Building Society has closed the account of a member for writing a booklet advising investors how best to go about carpetbagging.

Britannia — which strongly believes building societies should not convert to banks — said it had decided to suspend the membership of Jon Massey because he was campaigning against mutuality.

Mr Massey has received publicity about his booklet, *The Carpetbagger's Accomplice*, in which he says anyone who did not want to earn a £1,500 windfall from a £100 investment was a "complete idiot".

Stephen Williams, Britannia's chief solicitor, wrote to Mr Massey, saying it planned to close his saver account on October 31. He said that unless Mr Massey had any other account or mortgage, then his membership would cease on that date.

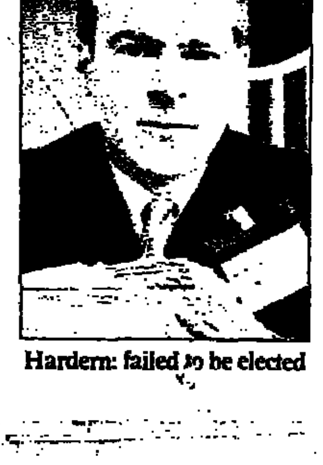
"Please do not ask to open any further accounts with the society as our staff have been instructed to decline any such requests," said Mr Williams, who did not disclose any reason for the move.

A spokeswoman said the decision to exclude Mr Massey had been taken by the board. "We reserve the right to end the membership of any customer who is actively campaigning against mutuality. We are staunchly committed to mutuality," she said. "We do not take these decisions lightly."

Speculation that a number of societies may float has intensified after three flotations this year and the failure of campaigner Michael Hardern to win election to the board of the Nationwide on a flotation ticket.

Mr Massey, from Plymouth, said he believed he had been unfairly treated. "I have not suggested standing for the board, like Michael Hardern, or doing anything to accelerate the conversion — although I hope it does convert," he said.

Mr Massey said he intended to establish whether the society was within its rights to close his account. The society pointed to the terms and conditions of the account, which state: "The society reserves the right to close the account upon giving written notice to the account holder."



Hardern: failed to be elected

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.18
Austria Sch	21.14	19.48
Belgium Fr	62.23	57.27
Canada $	2.370	2.182
Cyprus Cyp£	0.889	0.818
Denmark Kr	11.49	10.60
Finland Mkk	9.10	8.35
France Fr	10.08	9.30
Germany Dm	3.03	2.78
Greece Dr	478	439
Hong Kong $	13.34	12.14
Iceland	128	108
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.05
Israel Shk	5.98	5.33
Italy Lira	2968	2731
Japan Yen	212.13	194.60
Malta	0.667	0.609
Netherlds Gld	3.414	3.119
New Zealand $	2.72	2.48
Norway Kr	12.24	11.30
Portugal Esc	303.53	281.50
S Africa Rd	8.27	7.31
Spain Pta	252.79	234.00
Sweden Kr	13.09	11.89
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.30
Turkey Lira	285650	265772
USA $	1.722	1.579

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NatWest markets a compromise

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

The dismantling of NatWest Markets has begun. Operations in Australia and New Zealand are being auctioned and Hong Kong is next in line to be sold. As it signalled at the time of its depressing half-year results, NatWest has abandoned its grandiose ideas of being an international investment bank.

But it is not yet ready to admit total defeat. After all, since the idea of investment banking was espoused so enthusiastically by Lord Alexander and his amiable side-kick, Derek Wanless, there is a high degree of personal credibility at stake. The pair, currently to be found among the hordes of money men now thronging Hong Kong for the IMF, will not wish to be seen to be backtracking completely.

So the plan is to be a less than international investment bank, concentrating particularly on Europe, from a strong London base, and with a presence in the US. It is a strategy which smacks of compromise rather than conviction. If NatWest is not competing with the international giants in investment banking, then it needs to be doing something different, not merely less.

Pulling out of certain countries will cheer the analysts and investors since it demonstrates the seriousness of the company's commitment to scale down NatWest Markets and cut the asset exposure. But many would like to see Chip Kruger, the chap now in charge, effectively doing himself out of a job.

There would be takers for the whole caboodle. Earlier this month Commerzbank signalled its desire to spend more money on building its presence on the investment banking scene and some detected a subtle wink in the direction of NatWest.

Lord Alexander might have publicly spelt out his continuing commitment to the business, but what reasonable shareholder would blame him if he were to bow to a generous offer?

For the indications are that, both in the UK and the US, the difficulties are mounting. The US businesses from which Mr Kruger hailed are said to be finding the competition increasingly tough. And in London, the Hambro Magan acquisition has not turned out as planned. As a corporate finance boutique, it was a brilliant success, but as an adjunct of NatWest, it has quickly found that while the bankers may be bound by golden handcuffs, the clients are not. Major companies such as BTR are taking their business elsewhere, influenced, no doubt, by the question marks that lurk over the bank. Their defection serves only to further reduce the sinking morale among staff. No wonder that innovative financier, George Magan, was to be found on the grouse moor at the beginning of this week rather than in the City.

Cracks appearing in the China syndrome

China is a disproportionate presence on the agenda at the current International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Hong Kong, yet not a single recognisable official has been seen. Just mention China and a hushed reverence descends.

A new World Bank report, *China 2020*, was published to great fanfare yesterday but the launch bordered on the farcical. Every time the Bank staff appeared to feel that a question might annoy Beijing, embarrassed giggles rippled down the podium and the reply was left to the one official who no longer has any dealings with China. The perfectly orthodox point that democracy breeds incentives and economic dynamism was batted back time and again. The Communist Party was described variously as a unifying force, a reforming force and even a "cohesive forum for discussion".

The Bank is an institution in strategic denial. There is real fear of China's massive economic potential and the Bank clearly feels that, only by feeding Beijing a diet of unquestioning praise, will the rest of the world have a chance of harnessing some of its success to its own interests. Only by keeping out of politics will the Bank be allowed to nurse Beijing towards the economic reform that will eventually open its markets to the exporters of the industrialised world.

One of the most delicate tasks ahead is accomplishing China's accession to the World Trade Organisation. Negotiators from the world's largest trading powers keep offering tougher and tougher entry terms, knowing that they have only one chance to avoid handing China a long-term trading advantage. But this brinksmanship has its dangers. The last outcome anyone wants to see is China staying out, threatening a future of trade wars with no recognised framework for solving them. The Bank's China experts urged the world's rich countries to "get China in and do the fine-tuning afterwards". And beyond the jockeying for economic advantages lies an unspoken gamble — that a China integrated into a liberalised world economy is more likely eventually to concede democratic reforms than an isolated China.

X underrated by institutions

Democracy is a right, but a rarity, particularly in the corporate world. But like the American electors — more than half of whom fail to vote in elections for Congress — institutional investors in the UK do not appreciate their rights.

Pirc, the pension fund adviser, has found that despite all the noises made about corporate governance, when shareholders have the chance to register their views on the re-election of directors, share incentive plans and the like, less than two fifths of them bother to vote.

This is a pretty pathetic showing. Voting at AGM's could not be easier. There is no need to turn up, merely filling in a proxy and popping it in the post will do the trick. It takes only a few minutes of an overpaid fund manager's time. And it is time well spent, because the manager will then have to think about the company in which he or she had invested millions of clients' money rather than just checking the share price.

Those fund managers who have not merely switched into auto-pilot and resorted to tracking the index generally like it to be thought that they have an interest in the long-term performance of companies. In that case, they should be voicing their opinions through the ballot and not just in private meetings with management, which, no doubt, is where most would claim to be demonstrating their level of interest.

Stocks — and shares

NAMING and shaming continues to put Helen Liddell in the public eye, but her strategy of putting pensions mis-sellers in the modern equivalent of the stocks is failing to impress the crowd. Far from throwing tomatoes, the punters are continuing to give their business to the companies Mrs Liddell so vigorously dresses down. The continuing inflow of funds must provide a comforting cushion against the Treasury Minister's lashes.

Mirror to launch online betting service with PA

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

THE Mirror Group is planning to launch an interactive online betting service in a joint venture with PA News, the national news agency, before the end of the year.

The service, to be known as "Sporting Life.com" will make available the sporting data from both Mirror Group newspapers and PA and will take bets on all sports. It is believed to be the first service of its kind in the UK.

The actual bets, involving Switch card transactions, or the equivalent, will be placed with City Index, the bookmaker. David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, said yesterday: "The aim was to launch related products off the back of the newspaper base. There is no point in having just a newspaper group any more."

He was speaking as the Mirror Group, publisher of *The Mirror, Sunday Mirror* and *People*, announced record profits before tax and exceptionals of £43.3 million in the six months to June 29, up 12 per cent from £39 million. Earnings per share before exceptionals rose 10.5 per cent, to 7.4p, and the interim dividend represents an increase of 11.1 per cent, to 1.5p.

Mr Montgomery yesterday gave another example of a related new product for Birmingham Live, part of the Mirror Group's chain of local TV stations for cable, which had just purchased the right to show the old games of Aston Villa from 1992-97. "We have 110,000 homes already in the Birmingham area," Mr Montgomery said.

Sir Robert Clark, the Mirror chairman, said the group was well on its way to being a broadly based media company, but the record results had been achieved by continuing to drive profits from its core products. These include *The Sporting Life* and the *Daily Record* in Scotland.

The group's core newspaper titles increased revenue from £264.6 million to £267.5 million and operating profit from £55.2 million to £57.1 million.

In particular, the relaunch of *The Mirror* had "progressively stabilised circulation and market share over its main competitor".

Losses at Live TV fell from £1.8 million to £1.2 million in the period, in spite of £1.2 million of extra costs in starting up new local stations. The Mirror Group promised to continue investing in its titles and brands.

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Financial services boost for Kwik-Fit

By Chris Ayres

AN unlikely combination of financial services and car maintenance helped to lift Kwik-Fit's pre-tax profits 17 per cent, from £21.5 million to £25.1 million, in the six months to August 31.

The company said that its telemarketing insurance business, set up two years ago with Alexander & Alexander, the US financial services group, had contributed £3 million to profits, against the £900,000 loss it had made the previous year.

Kwik-Fit, which operates more than 1,000 sales and service outlets in Europe, also revealed that it had plans for 30 new repair centres throughout the UK plus a further 25 in The Netherlands and Belgium.

Sir Tom Farmer, the company's chairman, said: "This, together with the further expansion of the tyre management programme and the telemarketing operation, will enable the group to make continued progress in all areas of our business."

Kwik-Fit also reported a 9 per cent rise in turnover from £220 million to £240 million, with earnings per share up from 8.5p to 10p. The company managed to shrug off the effect of high exchange rates, which reduced profits at its Dutch subsidiary by about £1 million. The City reacted warmly, pushing up the company's share price 21½p to 306½p. Analysts, who had forecasted half-year profits of about £24 million, said they had lifted full-year expectations to £48 million. Kwik-Fit will pay an interim dividend of 2.35p (2.1p) on October 30.

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Smooth sailing for P&O Stena ruling

By Arthur Leathley and Dominic Walsh

GOVERNMENT officials indicated yesterday that there was no reason to delay a decision on the proposed cross-Channel ferry merger between P&O and Stena Line beyond the start of October.

Although European Commission sources cautioned that there were still unresolved issues, Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, has indicated that Government and Commission decisions will be announced at the same time.

If the EC decides to go back to the companies for further information, that could set in train a process lasting another two months.

Lord Sterling of Plaistow, P&O chairman, said: "If they were going to turn it down completely they would probably have done it ages ago."

The comments came as P&O unveiled first-half pretax profits down from £134.7 million to £123.1 million as a result of £12.7 million reorganisation costs. The after-effects of the Channel Tunnel fire helped to boost operating profits from ferries from £500,000 to £11.3 million, while Bovis Homes, which is to be floated off in November, more than doubled profits to £13.3 million.

Sterling: hopeful

Earnings per share declined from 15.7p to 14.6p, while the interim dividend is maintained at 13.5p.

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Hanover may seek ruling

By Dominic Walsh

HANOVER International, the fledgling hotel company that last month rebuffed an approach from Jarvis Hotels, is expected to ask the Takeover Panel to seek clarification from Jarvis of its intentions. There have been suggestions that Jarvis might launch a hostile bid.

Peter Eyles, executive chairman of Hanover, declined to be drawn yesterday. However, one City analyst said: "Eyles is unlikely to leave things in limbo. The obvious move is to persuade the Takeover Panel to ask Jarvis to make a statement."

The news came as Hanover reported first-half pre-tax profits up from £14,000 to £579,000 on the back of last August's £40 million acquisition of United Hotels Group. Turnover was up from £1.31 million to £9.44 million.

Mr Eyles announced that, as a result of the strong cashflow generated by the six new hotels, a maiden interim dividend of 0.5p would be paid on December 19.

He confirmed that the group continued to seek further acquisitions.

Albright makes £27.8m charge to cover cutbacks

By Paul Durman

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, the chemicals company, is making a £27.8 million charge against its profits to cover redundancies, closures and other changes ordered by its new chief executive.

Paul Rocheleau, who took over on the retirement of Robin Paul two months ago, agreed he was making use of the new chief executive's prerogative, and said many of the changes would not normally justify being treated as exceptional items.

The charge, combined with the strength of sterling, cut Albright's first-half pre-tax profits from £32 million to £1.6 million. The company said the underlying picture was much more positive, with operating profits rising from £36.9 million to £39.2 million, after stripping out currency effects.

In all, Albright is making about 100 people redundant, with the closure of an old sulphuric acid plant in Whitehaven, Cumbria, and numerous other cuts. The £27.8 million charge also includes a £3 million write-down of the group's investment in its Philippines associate, £3.5 million on environmental clean-up costs, and £3 million to introduce consistent stock accounting procedures.

Surfactants, which are used in detergents, was the best performing business, with profits recovering from £5.4 million to £8.3 million. The phosphates division saw its profits fall from £22.2 million to £15.2 million.

The company will pay a foreign income dividend of 2.35p (2.25p) on November 21.

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Investors ready for rough journey as futures expire

HANG on to your hats! It could be a rough ride for investors in the City today as they are forced to survive the combined effect of the expiry of the September financial future and "triple witching" hour in New York.

Brokers last night gave warning that it could lead to further volatility as fund managers and traders rush to close open positions ahead of the expiry deadline.

One US hedge fund got a taste of what things could be like when it tried to close a bear position in the FTSE 100 index September future. Once other traders got wind of it, they made life difficult by chasing the future sharply higher. It closed at 5,091, a premium of 45 points to the cash price, with a massive 29,000 contracts traded.

The underlying equity market continued to extend this week's gains with the help of another opening surge on Wall Street which carried the Dow Jones industrial average more than 130 points higher early on. It followed a subdued Philadelphia Fed business index. Sentiment in London was also supported by the latest CBI survey showing that the recent slide in export orders was tailing off.

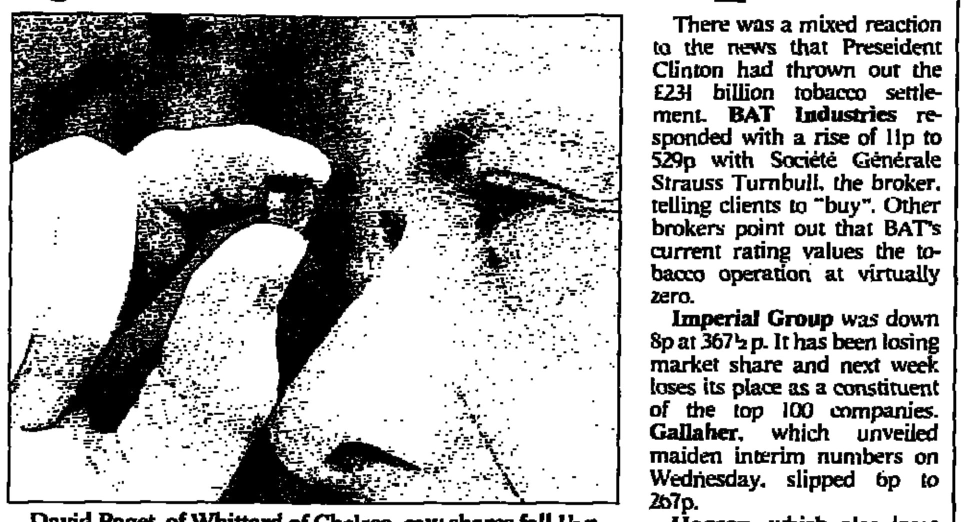
But prices in London failed to hold their best levels and the FTSE 100 index finished 33.1 up at 5,046.2 as 821 million shares changed hands.

Will the Government relent and allow foreign shareholders to own more than 30 per cent of **Rolls-Royce** shares? The City certainly hoped so, which was one of the reasons for the 3½p rise to 237p yesterday. There is already some talk that the limit on foreign ownership may be raised to just under 50 per cent.

US buying saw **Railtrack** surge 35p to 844½p. Panmure Gordon, the broker, has set a target price of 950p a share.

BOC Group stood out with a rise of 27½p at £11.04 after its healthcare arm Ohmeda withdrew an application submitted to the US Food & Drug Administration for a new respiratory treatment with which to treat blue baby syndrome. The application will be resubmitted with new information next year.

Chiroscience rose 12½p to 277½p ahead of a meeting with brokers last night. **British Biotech** also rose 9½p to 168p after giving a presentation for one of its new treatments in Hamburg yesterday. **Shield Diagnostics** was a volatile market touching limits of 700p and 627½p before recovering to close just 2½p off at 687½p.



David Paget, of Whittard of Chelsea, saw shares fall 1½p

Speculative buying pushed **ASW Holdings** 8½p higher to 36½p, a rise of 30 per cent, amid heavy turnover of 2.7 million shares. One story suggests the French Group Usinor is ready to offer 50p a share, valuing the engineering group at £42 million.

There were further losses for **National Power**, down 9p at 543p, and **PowerGen**, 6½p off at 748½p. This follows bearish comments this week from Panmure Gordon, the broker, which claimed that other forecasts for National Power were too optimistic. PowerGen had been dragged lower by sentiment.

There was a mixed reaction to the news that Preseident Clinton had thrown out the £231 billion tobacco settlement. **BAT Industries** responded with a rise of 11p to 529p with Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, telling clients to "buy". Other brokers point out that BAT's current rating values the tobacco operation at virtually zero.

Imperial Group was down 8p at 367½p. It has been losing market share and next week loses its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. **Gallaher**, which unveiled maiden interim numbers on Wednesday, slipped 6p to 267p.

Hanson, which also loses its place as a top 100 constituent, fell 6½p to 299p as did **Mercury Asset Management**, down 15p at £12.30.

It was the first day of dealings on the big board for **Whittard of Chelsea** after moving up from AIM. The shares closed 1½p lighter at 230p but have come up from 206p in the past week on the back of results. Another company soon to make the move from AIM to a full listing is **Airtech**, 13½p better at 90p.

Datrontech Group continued to reflect this week's share purchases by its newly appointed finance director with a rise of 11½p at 93p, stretching the gain of the past two days to 16½p.

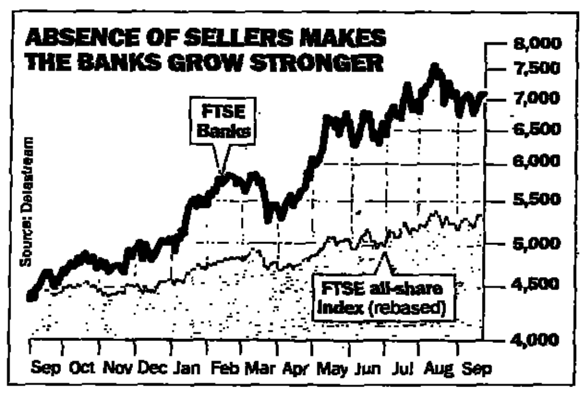
Novo Group touched 52½p before ending the session 4p dearer at 49p after the news after the close of business on Wednesday, that it had received a bid approach.

☐ **GILT EDGED:** There was a further flattening of the yield curve as worries about rising interest rates took their toll on shorter-dated issues.

Buying interest was focused on the ultra long end of the market at the expense of shorter dated issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £1 better at £114¾, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick easier at £103⅞.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £1 1/16 better at £117 25/32 as the total number of contracts completed reached 124,000.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average was up 101.26 points at 7,987.70 by midday as a further slew of friendly economic data boosted the bond and buoyed the cyclical stocks.



THE bank sector was up and running again, improving on its spectacular performance already this year. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, started the ball rolling by recommending Standard Chartered, up 41p at 858½p, as a "buy" to clients.

James Johnson, at Laing, said the discount between Standard and HSBC, 2½p firmer at £19.61, had grown to 10 per cent — the widest it would be expected to reach.

"We decided the shares should be bought. A differential of about 10 per cent more than accounts for the difference in the exposure to the Far East between the two companies," he said.

But even he was surprised by the reaction of the Standard share price and some of the other banks.

"When the financial markets pick up, the banks tend to run with things. Short term, we are selectively overweight, but some of the mortgage banks are fully valued," he added.

Woolwich rose 10p to 327½p while Abbey National added 20½p to 906½p, Barclays 26p to £15.18½, and Lloyds TSB 22p to 785p.

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New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 7987.70 (+101.26)
S&P Composite .... 954.89 (+11.89)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 17930.09 (+246.82)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 14419.45 (+8.26)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 902.77 (+4.66)

Sydney:
AO .... 2696.30 (+17.00)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 4000.48 (-10.00)

Singapore:
Straits .... 1896.09 (-14.15)

Brussels:
General .... 13508.23 (+27.81)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2978.37 (+34.37)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1177.00 (+9.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 3247.6 (+13.3)
FTSE 100 .... 5046.2 (+33.1)
FTSE 250 .... 4701.8 (+15.0)
FTSE 350 .... 2426.6 (+14.4)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2616.73 (+7.08)
FTSE All-Share .... 2370.17 (+13.5)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2387.24 (+10.13)
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US$ .... 1.6157 (+0.0133)
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EMI B	120	+	5
Fleming Asian	79¼	-	¼
Flmg Asian Wrts	16½	-	1¼
GR Holdings	52¼		...
Galen Holdings	275	+	9½
Helicon Pubslg	92½		...
I S Solutions	135½		...
Kingfisher Leisure	177½		...
Reabourne Merlin	104½	-	3
SBS Group	110½		...
Severn Trent B	38½	+	1
Stentor Warrants	37½		...
Style Holdings	84½		...
Thorn B	20½		...
Vigien Technology	60½	-	1½

RIGHTS ISSUES

John Lusty n/p (8)	1½		...
Langdons Fds n/p (1)	½		...
Misys Uts Cv U n/p	85	+	2½
SEET n/p (30)	1¼	-	¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Wickes .... 196p (+16½p)
Cortecs .... 202p (+14p)
Geest .... 347p (+18p)
Scotia .... 415p (+20p)
Stand Chart .... 858½p (+41p)
Diagonal .... 435p (+20p)
Domino .... 326p (+14p)
Laird .... 450½p (+18p)
Wassall .... 340p (+13p)
Bowthorpe .... 378½p (+12p)
Woolwich .... 327½p (+10p)
Lloyds TSB .... 785p (+22p)

FALLS:
Servisair .... 332½p (-33p)
SIG .... 318½p (-13p)
Gearhouse Gp .... 381½p (-14p)
Imperial Tobacco .... 367½p (-8p)
Danka Bs Sys .... 730p (-15p)
Wolseley .... 490p (-9½p)
Broken Hill .... 713p (-12¼p)
Cadbury-Schw .... 561½p (-9p)
Carpetright .... 521½p (-8p)
Select App .... 585p (-9p)
Bodt Shop .... 179p (-7½p)

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TEMPUS

Keep investors afloat

P&O INVESTORS have legendary patience but they deserve some results rather than explanations. This time, the costs of the P&O Nedlloyd merger hit the revenue account in the first half and will do more damage in the full year. However, we are told that the restructuring is on course: P&O is promising the sale of housebuilding, better profitability from containers and more property sales. But to what end?

What shareholders want from P&O is better cash flow: for years, money was ploughed into container ships and real estate and P&O has not raised its payout since 1990. Ideally, this restructuring would be an opportunity to shed even more capital-intensive businesses. The ferries, for example, tie up some £400 million but earned a mere 10 per cent return on capital last year. Given the cost of new ships, a return of at least 20 per cent is needed to justify the investment. If the European Commission allows the joint venture with Stena to go ahead, P&O should package the merged business for disposal.

For so long P&O has been like a hoard of hungry children. After years of feeding they grew up into non-productive adolescents, expensive to run and with an uncertain future. P&O's scrip dividend demonstrated the acute craving for cash: a device which could increase the equity base by 6 per cent, leaving P&O with more to sink into ships.

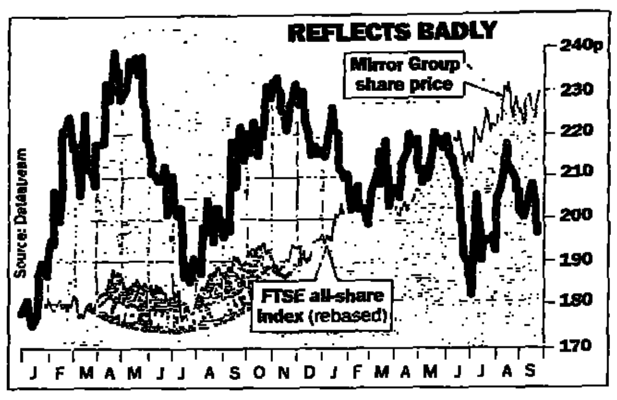
Financing cruise ships with equity is an expensive strategy and one which P&O could avoid by slimming down the group further. Having turned halfway towards its investors, P&O needs to go further and return some of the non-performing capital to shareholders.

Mirror Group

DAVID MONTGOMERY is running out of options and this is precisely why the shares of the Mirror Group, where he is chief executive, may be worth a punt. Mr Montgomery plunged into the smoking rubble of the newspaper company after the death of Robert Maxwell, refinanced it, secured its pension plans and kept its head above water during the nastiest circulation war in recent memory. The shares quadrupled in price. They began to sag early this year and have since underperformed the market.

The Mirror Group lacks an engine of growth. It is to a large extent a single-asset business in an industry with poor long-term growth prospects. While advertising revenues have been buoyant, the continuing price war means there is little scope to raise cover prices.

Mr Montgomery is nobody's fool and has attempted to build a TV business, but his grand idea of launching a cable-TV programming venture has fallen flat for lack of partners. Meanwhile, Live TV, his low-budget network of local TV stations, has generated more column inches than profits. Several years on and Mirror Group is still *The Mirror* plus some bits and pieces. With no new markets opening up, Mr Montgomery has the choice of selling out or using the group's ample cashflow to finance a share buyback: the latter is more likely. At the very least, a share buyback will buy him more time.



RMC

RMC GROUP is becoming a play on a German recovery. Fears of a weakening in the German construction market next year, combined with an expected slowdown in UK growth, cut 5 per cent from the share price.

The half-year figures from RMC's German business look misleadingly positive. Profits rose by almost a quarter to £35.5 million, even after the £7.1 million impact from the strong pound. However, this largely reflects the dire winter that damaged the 1996 results. RMC believes the underlying picture is a 4 to 6 per cent fall in German construction volumes, and this will come into focus during the more important second half. After another fall of perhaps 2 per cent next year, it hopes to see a recovery in 1999.

While the share price reaction is understandable, RMC is entitled to its seen-it-all-before insouciance. As the management never tires of emphasising, Germany is a huge market and RMC is well placed to take advantage of its eventual revival — not least through the Rüdersdorf cement plant near Berlin. In the meantime, it is making good progress in the benign UK environment and in the rest of Europe, despite the intractable problems of the French economy.

At 998½p the shares are unlikely to race away, but the company remains as solid as its concrete. This latest weakness makes the shares more attractive.

Kwik-Fit

IF INSURERS needed any more evidence that the public regards their brands with contempt, they should look at Kwik-Fit. From a standing start, and within two years, a chain of exhaust repair shops has become the sixth-largest purveyor of motor insurance, making a profit of £3 million in a half year. This is, in part, the power of a brand which has instant recognition among motorists. However, the unlikely success indicates the extent to which insurance has become a commodity that sells on price, convenience and service.

Anyone thinking of quitting Kwik-Fit should question whether there is any reason why its insurance arm should not quickly move up the ladder in terms of market share. The only barrier is likely to be resistance from other insurers, but there is no shortage of underwriting capacity, this being an overcapitalised industry.

A frosty winter would do wonders for Kwik-Fit which, because of its high fixed cost base, enjoys geared profits growth when revenues increase. However, the company is also showing signs of much better cashflow and will need to think of special dividends if current trends continue.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 176765	Sep 97	117-18	118-15	117-18	118-08	1953
	Dec 97	117-02	118-02	117-01	117-25	126884
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 274127	Dec 97	102.41	102.85	102.38	102.74	203744
	Mar 98				101.98	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 173838	Dec 97	110.59	111.50	110.55	111.30	64610
	Mar 98	111.00	111.21	111.00	111.29	249
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	127.57	127.70	127.57	127.60	2056
	Mar 98	126.66	126.75	126.60	126.66	521
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.63	92.63	92.58	92.60	30818
	Mar 98	92.67	92.71	92.64	92.65	31229
Previous open interest 615498	Jun 98	92.78	92.82	92.72	92.75	34025
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1542807	Oct 97	96.61	96.61	96.59	96.60	625
	Mar 98	96.24	96.26	96.22	96.24	49537
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 351441	Dec 97	93.81	93.90	93.78	93.86	24505
	Mar 98	94.48	94.57	94.45	94.56	21552
Three Mth Euroyen	Mar 98				99.30	0
	Jun 98				99.32	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 138068	Dec 97	98.25	98.29	98.22	98.25	13496
	Mar 98	98.03	98.07	98.00	98.06	4907
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 31167	Dec 97	95.57	95.58	95.56	95.58	868
	Mar 98	95.49	95.51	95.48	95.51	344
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 84942	Sep 97	5025.0	5100.0	5002.0	5068.0	18189
	Dec 97	5094.0	5164.0	5066.0	5132.0	13081

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	7¼	7¼	7¼
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.54	n/a	5.60	5.64	5.84
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]-1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $320.60-320.90 Close: $320.60-321.10 High: $320.80-321.30
Low: $320.10-320.60 AM: $320.65 PM: $321.85

Krugerrand: $320.25-322.25 (£198.50-200.50)

Platinum: $423.50 (£262.90) Silver: $4.73 (£2.935) Palladium: $191.00 (£118.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1838-3.2233	3.2205-3.2233	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	58.330-59.056	59.001-59.056	20-15pr	57-50pr
Copenhagen	10.761-10.901	10.891-10.901	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.0664-1.0806	1.0781-1.0806	11-5pr	34-28pr
Frankfurt	2.8266-2.8632	2.8604-2.8632	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	287.32-291.11	290.77-291.11	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Madrid	238.65-241.66	241.37-241.66	41-31pr	128-110pr
Milan	2759.9-2794.6	2790.4-2794.6	[illegible]pr	52-30pr
Montreal	2.2235-2.2459	2.2437-2.2459	0.70-0.65pr	1.40-1.37pr
New York	1.6022-1.6166	1.6156-1.6166	0.208-0.197pr	0.633-0.602pr
Oslo	11.483-11.628	11.618-11.628	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	9.4950-9.6167	9.6080-9.6167	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	12.112-12.283	12.264-12.283	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	194.02-197.43	197.18-197.43	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	19.889-20.149	20.119-20.149	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.3315-2.3607	[illegible]-2.3607	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3947-1.3966
Austria	12.43-12.44
Belgium (Com)	36.47-36.51
Canada	1.3880-1.3885
Denmark	6.7680-6.7685
France	5.9380-5.9400
Germany	1.7679-1.7684
Hong Kong	7.7420-7.7430
Ireland	1.4993-1.5018
Italy	1725.00-1727.00
Japan	121.43-121.53
Malaysia	3.0135-3.0185
Netherlands	1.9904-1.9914
Norway	7.1881-7.1901
Portugal	179.68-179.78
Singapore	1.5170-1.5180
Spain	149.22-149.25
Sweden	7.5790-7.5865
Switzerland	1.4585-1.4593

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6135-1.6162
Australia dollar	2.2473-2.2495
Bahrain dinar	0.5950-0.6090
Brazil real*	1.7616-1.7660
China yuan	13.082-13.382
Cyprus pound	0.8260-0.8450
Finland markka	8.4050-8.5460
Greece drachma	442.00-452.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.4693-12.4786
India rupee	57.60-58.90
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4810-0.4920
Malaysia ringgit	4.8560-4.8670
New Zealand dollar	2.5484-2.5532
Pakistan rupee	63.15 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7475-5.8825
Singapore dollar	2.4433-2.4464
S Africa rand (cmm)	7.3990-7.5680
U A E dirham	5.8000-5.9360

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	530	Ladbroke	2,100
ASDA Gp	7,400	Land Secs	852
Abbey Ntl	2,800	Legal & Gn	3,500
Allnce & Leic	1,100	Lloyds TSB	8,100
Allied Dom	1,600	LucasVarity	3,300
AB Foods	724	Marks Spr	4,300
BAA	2,200	Mercury Ast	691
BAT Inds	7,300	NatWst Bk	7,500
BG	12,500	Nat Grid	2,400
BOC	5,400	Nat Power	5,300
BP	6,100	Next	1,300
BSkyB	3,300	Orange	6,900
BTR	9,200	P & O	1,100
BT	9,700	Pearson	2,200
Bk of Scot	3,300	PowerGen	1,500
Barclays	3,100	Prudential	4,700
Bass	1,700	RMC	1,200
Blue Circle	2,600	Railtrack	3,600
Boots	879	Rank Group	2,200
BAe	2,400	Reckitt Col	630
BA	3,300	Reed Intl	3,100
British Land	2,700	Rentokil	5,800
Brit Steel	4,000	Reuters	5,900
Burmah Cstl	373	Rio Tinto	2,100
Cable Wire	3,800	Rolls Royce	7,500
Cadbury	2,300	Royal & Sun	4,300
Carlton Cms	1,300	Royal Bk Sct	3,000
Centrica	14,400	Safeway	2,000
Cm Union	2,000	Sainsbury	7,300
Dixons	501	Schroders	72
EMI	3,600	Scot & New	678
Energy Gp	712	Scot Power	2,600
Enterpr Oil	1,600	Svrn Trent	1,400
GKN	548	Shell Trans	9,300
GRE	2,000	Siebe	1,300
GUS	1,300	SmKl Bch	9,400
Gen Acc	386	Smiths Inds	824
Gen Elec	7,400	Std Chartd	6,200
Glaxo Well	4,300	TI Gp	483
Granada	2,500	Tate & Lyle	2,900
Grand Met	1,800	Tesco	4,900
Guinness	2,100	Thames W	508
HSBC	4,000	Tomkins	1,100
Halifax	3,600	Unilever	2,500
Hanson	2,700	Utd Utilities	1,300
Hays	1,300	Utd News	895
ICI	3,100	Vodafone	4,800
Imp Tob	3,100	Whitbread	235
Kingfisher	1,600	Wolseley	759
LASMO	1,600	Zeneca	1,600

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

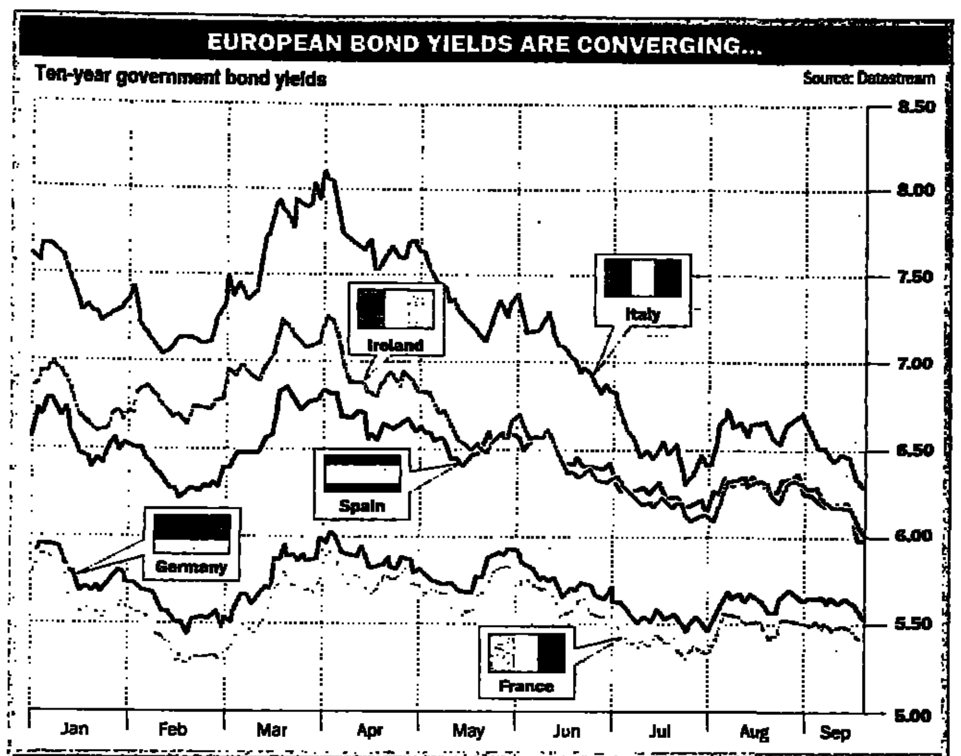
A strong pound is the best protection against EMU

Argument over divergent interest levels has important implications for Europe

The Bundesbank decision yesterday to keep its interest rates unchanged at 3 per cent may have pleased financial markets and must surely have delighted the French and German Governments. But for some European politicians, the Bundesbank's reluctance is becoming a source of embarrassment and economic distress. The clearest case is, of course, the British Government, which would be delighted if higher German interest rates were to bring the strong pound back down to earth. But now there are even stranger bedfellows for the monetary hard-liners on the Bundesbank council. Bizarrely, the Governments of Italy, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Finland have all now joined the British Government and the Bank of England in hoping that German interest rates will soon go up.

To see why this is so and to understand the profound implications of this shift in alliances for the future of Europe — and for Britain's future relationship with the single currency — we can start with a rather technical question. If European monetary union is going to be irrevocably launched in May next year, as European governments announced over the weekend and as almost everyone in the worlds of finance and politics now firmly believes, why are German and Italian three-month interest rates still more than three percentage points apart? This seemingly narrow question contains within it many of the most interesting economic and political conundrums about the European economy, as I realised last weekend in talking to senior officials from Frankfurt, Paris and Brussels at a conference on EMU at Ditchley Park.

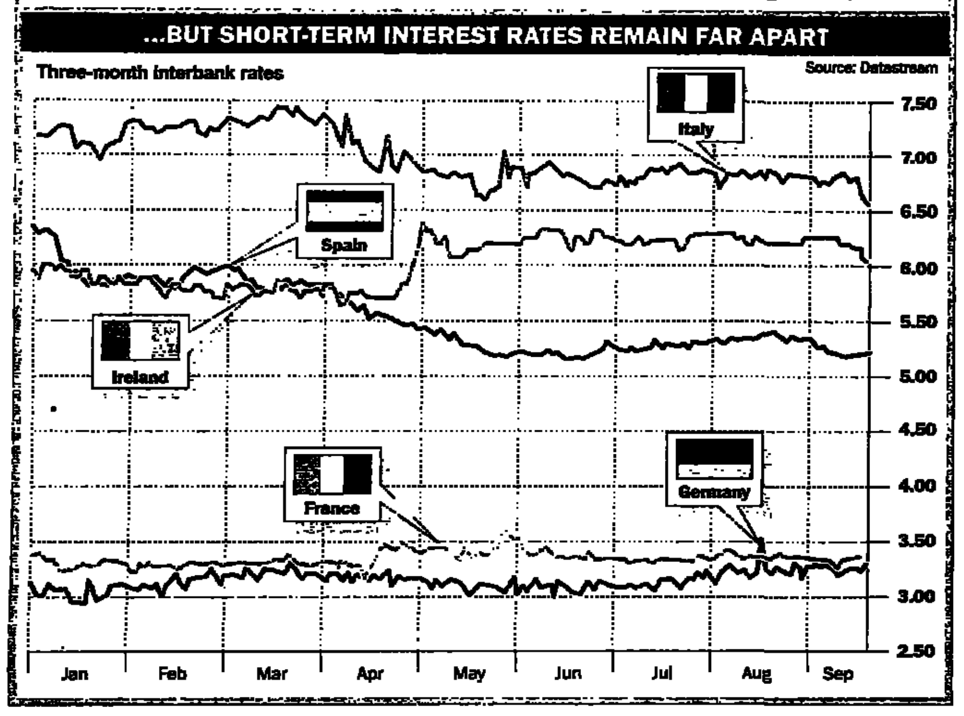
There are broadly two possible reasons for the continuing divergence between Italian and German rates. It could be that Italian and Spanish interest rates remain much higher than German ones because the markets do not yet quite believe that the Club Med countries will be allowed to join in the first wave of EMU. Alternatively, it may be that Italian (and Spanish) interest rates are being deliberately kept apart for good economic reasons. It may be that Italy and Spain need high interest rates to control inflation, while German (and French) rates must be kept down to mitigate unemployment and revive economic growth. If the first explanation is correct, then the single currency should be able to start smoothly. Mediterranean interest rates will fall gradually as the starting date for EMU approaches and the markets become increasingly confident that Italy and Spain will take part. There will be no pressure on Germany and France to raise their interest rates before 1999 and EMU will get off to a good start with low interest rates, a competitive euro and robust economic growth.



EUROPEAN BOND YIELDS ARE CONVERGING...

Ten-year government bond yields

Source: Datastream



...BUT SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES REMAIN FAR APART

Three-month interbank rates

Source: Datastream

The second explanation, on the other hand, suggests profound misgivings. It suggests that the single interest rate required under EMU will impose an inappropriate monetary policy either on Germany and France or on Italy and Spain. It also implies that Germany and France will have to raise their interest rates significantly in preparation for EMU. This monetary tightening could damage the recoveries that are only just starting in both these economies. Higher interest rates could also push the mark up against the dollar and yen, bequeathing an overvalued euro which would have to be defended with still further monetary tightening after 1999 by the newly created European Central Bank.

How, then, should we explain the divergence between Italian and German rates? The first explanation — that investors remain uncertain about EMU — may sound plausible, but it is not. Although short-term rates in Germany and Italy remain far apart, there has been a dramatic convergence in long-term bond yields, which are a much better measure of market expectations than officially determined short rates. The implication of this convergence in bond markets is clear: investors have reached the firm conclusion that monetary union will go ahead in January 1999 with all EU countries apart from Britain, Denmark, Sweden and Greece.

Why, then, do interest rates in Italy, Spain and Ireland remain so high and why can't they be reduced quickly to German and French levels? If you ask central bankers in any of these countries they give the same answer — and one which the Bank of England would enthusiastically echo. Relatively high interest rates are needed to maintain low inflation. Reducing interest rates to the "artificially low" levels now seen in the Franco-German core of Europe would unleash consumer booms and speculative financial bubbles in the peripheral European countries. Such monetary easing would put at risk all the anti-inflationary achievements of the past five years. One of the strange ironies of the EMU endgame is that Italy and Spain will be arguing for higher interest rates, while the proponents of an easier monetary policy will be hard currency countries such as France.

The French, who are absolutely determined not to increase their interest rates in preparation for EMU, oppose this argument from peripheral Europe with a vehemence that is only just becoming clear. They have broadly two ripostes, both of them painful to the peripheral countries that argue that German interest rates will have to converge upwards to meet those in Italy, Ireland and Spain.

The first is that peripheral countries that cannot live with 3 or 3.5 per cent interest rates may simply have to stay out of EMU. Despite Lionel Jospin's insistent demands for Italian membership of EMU during the French election campaign, French officials are willing to question Italy's readiness to join the club. The whole point of EMU, they argue, was to create a club of non-inflationary countries with the highest possible monetary credibility and the lowest possible interest rates. This means that the euro must be seen as a natural successor of the mark and franc, with the same monetary policy. Euro interest rates cannot be set by "splitting the difference" between the mark and the lira.

The second riposte to suggestions for upward convergence of European interest rates is less brutal, but just as challenging for the peripheral countries that currently feel they need high interest rates. If Italy, Spain and the others fear the inflationary consequences of sharply lower rates, they should take other steps to deflate their economies — they should raise taxes or cut public spending even more aggressively than they already plan.

There is another, even more controversial way of suppressing inflation, which I have never heard officials mention in public, but which some market observers are starting to discuss. If countries like Spain and Ireland were really worried about inflation, they could always revalue their currencies upwards against the mark and the franc when the final conversion rates are set next May. If the peripheral countries joined EMU with higher than expected exchange rates against the euro, they might experience a once and for all deflation like the one that hit Britain in 1990 when John Major joined the ERM. This crushing of inflationary expectations would allow the peripheral countries to live with German and French-style interest rates. France and Germany, meanwhile, would enjoy an improvement in competiteveness against some of their main trading partners.

Spain, Italy and Ireland will naturally resist such suggestions for currency revaluation — and in the end they are likely to succeed, if only because the French and Germans will be mindful of the financial instability unleashed when Britain joined the ERM at an overvalued exchange rate.

There could however be several important implications of these arguments, particularly for Britain. The first is that Germany is unlikely to raise its interest rate towards the Italian or Spanish levels, thereby relieving upward pressure on the pound. The second is that membership of EMU will not be a panacea for an overvalued pound. If Britain ever decides to join EMU it will not be allowed to devalue the pound as part of this process. And that, in turn, suggests another of the bizarre ironies of the EMU endgame: that Britain's best bulwark against any temptation to join EMU could be an overly strong pound.

Marriage made in accountants' minds still shy of consent

Robert Bruce

on what could prove to be the last great merger within the profession

Cricket fans, lifting their eyes from the action at Lord's this summer, might have noticed that the accountants Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand have adjoining hospitality boxes in the Mound Stand. It would be nice to think that the talks which led to yesterday's announcement of the coming together of the two accounting giants, in what has the potential to be the world's largest accounting firm, started with a chat over a balcony rail.

But the reality of the accountancy world is very different to the gentlemanly image partnership structures like to portray. The driving force for the merger was pressures deep within the US accounting scene, the most important of which is regulation.

The last time a mega merger was achieved in the accounting world — when Deloitte, Haskins & Sells came together with Touche Ross in 1989 — the main issue was that of the tough American anti-trust laws. That time the merger got through by the skin of its teeth. This time it is going to be difficult.

In the words of one member of the team, which has been working day and night on the legal aspects of the proposed Coopers & Waterhouse merger, "this could be the last time a merger like this is allowed". The American regulatory structure tolerated the last moves, which whittled down what had been a "big eight" of top accountancy firms to a "big six".

At Coopers & Waterhouse they have calculated that the American authorities might tolerate one more merger, but would then stick with a "big five" as the smallest number of dominant firms that they would allow.

This would make the proposed merger a masterstroke. Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand could merge and become the largest firm globally, in the US and in the UK. And the move would put a stop to any further mergers among their competitors, who would all be stuck, like flies in amber, unable to grow through merger ever again.

In the UK the regulatory issues are equally strong. Coopers, whose chairman is Peter Smith, is currently the second-biggest firm. Price Waterhouse is the fifth-biggest firm. But they also have a strong line in blue chip audit clients. The result of the merger in the UK would be that the firm would become the biggest in the land, but it would also have half the audits of the companies in the FTSE 100.

Under the Conservative government the policy was that accountancy firms were one of the country's great success stories and growth, even when it neared the edge of the competition guidelines, was allowed. Under the gaze of Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, the story may be very different.

Officials are holding their cards close to their chests at the moment and are not sure whether the merger would come under the aegis of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) or, because of its size, be referred straight to Brussels.

The other American pressure driving this merger is market share. In America, Coopers and Price Waterhouse are the fifth and sixth-biggest firms. The pressure is always going to be greatest on the firms in the bottom slots to get together and so leapfrog their way to the top. And it is given added impetus when the firm you are knocking off the top is Arthur Andersen, long seen as the unchallengeable giant but now wrestling with a consultancy arm and an audit and business assurance arm at seemingly endless loggerheads.

Meanwhile, the real work to pull off the merger now has to begin. Regulatory pressures from government agencies can seem to be the least of your problems when you are trying to persuade more than S.500 around the world to vote for the proposals. The majority required, two thirds of all partners at Price Waterhouse in the UK, for example, is tough to achieve.

In particular, there must be worries about Price Waterhouse in the UK, where partners have a history of voting down merger proposals. In 1984 they humiliated their own leadership by voting against a proposal to merge with Deloitte. In 1989 they failed to consummate a merger with Arthur Andersen.

This time around there are already rumours of partners reacting with fury when the story that broke the news in *The Times* was confirmed.

The final worry is how far the two businesses will suffer through management upheaval should the merger go through. Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young, has argued that a lack of resources is the real problem facing the big accounting firms — there are simply not enough experienced partners, managers and specialists to go round.

Mergers always create uncertainty and when the market is buoyant disaffected staff tend to head elsewhere. "Judging by the way that Coopers handled their last merger, we will fill our resource bucket," said Mr Land.

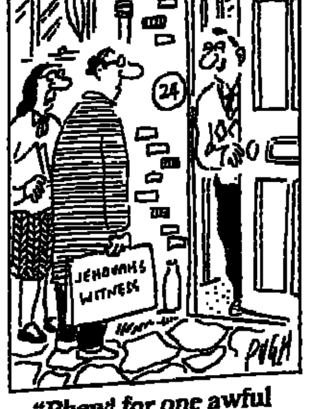
Ian Brindle, left, of Waterhouse, and Peter Smith yesterday

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Blind eye

ANOTHER former Cabinet member has found a new salary, sorry, job in the real world. Anthony Nelson is joining Salomon Brothers as managing director of European investment banking. Nelson, 49, was a minister at the DTI and before that Economic Secretary to the Treasury. By going to the American securities house he has administered a bit of a back-hander to his former employer, NM Rothschild, which he left in 1974 to go into politics. I am told he did not even talk to Rothschild when he decided to head back to the City. His decision may have been influenced by the seven-figure salaries on offer at Salomon, not matched at a smaller British bank. I put the point to the Americans. There ensues a lot of corporate guff about global-breadth business, powerful market positions in Asia and so on. But no one is exactly denying it.



"Phew! for one awful second I thought you were selling pensions!"

☐ *THIS is the sort of thing that gave Marie Antoinette a bad name.* Luxury Briefing, *a publication devoted to various items you and I don't need and can't afford, is presenting an award for the best British luxury company next week at Asprey, where else, at a party full of gossip column nonentities — Lulu Guinness, Mogens Tholstrup, the usual grim crew. The prize is "an unusual trophy in the form of a solid silver and silver gilt shopping bag". How very Eighties, darling. Conspicuous consumption is so passé.*

Bank of art

NEXT week also offers the first chance to see some of the collection of modern British art built up by Barclays Bank, a project close to the heart of its chairman, Andrew Buxton. Most has been bought since 1991, on the basis of what he personally liked and what he thought Barclays staff would like. So the good news is that this is modern art as in people with paintbrushes applying paint onto canvas. Expect names such as Lowry and Sickert at the bank's loan exhibition at the Royal College of Art at Kensington Gore from next Wednesday. No pickled sharks, no pornographic photo-montages and nothing to do with Charles Saatchi.

The bad news is that there might be a bit of that elsewhere at the RCA fair, which has work from several Saatchi Collection "artists" for sale. Plus, in the curiousity corner, paintings by Stalin's great grandson, "executed" — an unfortunate choice of words — "whilst at Glasgow Art School". The pictures, that is, not the great grandson.

☐ *ON A less artistic note, Barclays, not content with having made its monthly Barclaycard statements almost illegible on the advice of the design merchants, now plans to do the same with ordinary bank accounts. The bank is trying out some new personal financial summaries alongside normal bank statements. I search for the real reason for this "innovation". Ah ha. If you have more than £100 in your account over the period, you will be offered financial advice, unsought, on what to do with it. Such as stuffing it in one of the Barclays savings accounts. And if you've almost paid off your loan, they offer you another one. Freephone number provided.*

IoD den

NOT since Shirley, now Baroness, Williams in 1975 has a Labour minister dared address company bosses at the Institute of Directors. And some might say she wasn't terribly Labour. But yesterday Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, was there. Labour shadow ministers used to turn up regularly before the election to speak at the Institute. But since they took power on May 1, the fiercely free-market IoD has not managed to entice a single one.

Big business is cosying up fast to the new Government; the CBI conference in November will feature more ministers than most Labour Party gatherings. The CBI's rival looked, until yesterday, way out in the cold, so there was a tangible sense of relief at the IoD's plush Pall Mall HQ at the Roche presence.

MARTIN WALLER

Barbara Roche is the first Labour Minister since the election to go to the IoD

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Sun Life reveals £48m cost of merger

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

SUN LIFE & PROVINCIAL, which merged with AXA Equity & Law two months ago to form the third-largest group in the UK life and pensions market, unveiled a 17 per cent rise in operating profit yesterday.

Sun Life expects annual cost savings of £37 million in three years' time but reckons most of the benefits of the merger will materialise next year. The cost of bringing the two companies together in July is expected to total £48 million, most of which will be included in the full-year accounts.

The group gave no further information about the fate of New Ireland, in which it has a majority stake, but reiterated a statement it made to the Dublin stock market on Friday that it was talking to interested parties who had made approaches.

Under Irish stock exchange laws Sun Life must offer at least 25 per cent of its shares as a free float to maintain an Irish listing.

The insurer revealed Equity & Law had set aside a £32 million provision to compensate victims of personal pensions mis-selling.

The company has just over 1,000 priority cases and said it is "confident" that it will have sorted out 90 per cent of these ahead of the deadline set by the Personal Investment Authority at the end of the year.

Mark Wood, chief executive, said the merger, which created a company ranked number three in size behind Prudential and Standard Life, would not create the need for large redundancies.

The Marquess of Douro, chairman, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about prospects for the second half of the year, after some changes to the way Sun Life products were priced and sold.

The company has just reopened discussions with the Department of Trade & Industry in the hope of releasing some of the surplus "orphan" asssets from Equity & Law's life fund.

Britannic, a fellow insurer, earlier this week paid an enhanced dividend to shareholders after the release of £1 billion of assets from its orphan funds.

Mr Wood said any proceeds from orphan assets would be paid out "over 30 years or so".

For the six months to June 30, operating profit rose to £121.4 million (1996: £103.6 million). Sun Life is paying a slightly larger than expected dividend of 3.8p per share. The company's shares rose 8½p to 419p yesterday.

Profits beat expectations at Nestlé

SHARES in Nestlé, the world's biggest food company, rose SFr100 (£42) to SFr1,960 after the company reported a rise in net profits from SFr1.347 billion to SFr1.89 billion. Analysts had expected a rise of half that amount.

Nestlé predicted that for the full year, sales would grow 15 per cent and the rise in net profit would at least match the growth in sales. Nestlé had already reported a rise in first-half sales to SFr33.5 billion, from SFr28.4 billion.

The company said first-half results "clearly benefited" from the appreciation of most currencies against the Swiss franc. It added that the significant improvement "is in large measure also a consequence of the efforts and investments aimed at improving the group's competitiveness".

The strip worn by Leeds United was at the centre of complaints about kit price-fixing

OFT kicks kit suppliers' price-fixing into touch

BY CHRIS AYRES

TWO leading players in Britain's £200 million replica football shirt industry were forced by the Office of Fair Trading to promise to end illegal price-fixing.

Puma and Asics, the current and former sponsors of Leeds United, the Premiership team, admitted they had been forcing retailers to stop discounting replica team strips by threatening to cut off supplies.

Sportswear manufacturers — notably Umbro, sponsors of Manchester United — have also come under fire for boosting their sales by changing the design of team strips on an overly regular basis.

It emerged yesterday that several other sportswear manufacturers, including Ellesse, have also given assurances to the OFT that they will not attempt to maintain artificially high prices.

The OFT campaign against price-fixing started this year after a Leeds retailer claimed that he had been blacklisted by suppliers for selling Leeds United shirts at a discount.

Philip Warrington, 41, who owns two sportswear shops with a turnover of more than £1 million, said: "They basically told me to put my price up or kiss goodbye to my supply."

Mr Warrington sells Leeds United shirts, which usually cost between £35 and £40, at £25. Every year he sells about 1,000 Leeds shirts.

John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, said: "The results of the campaign have proved it to have been amply justified."

Morrison set to tighten belt

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM, RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

COMPETITION among Britain's supermarkets will be fierce for the rest of this year in the areas of price, services and shopping hours, according to the chairman of William Morrison, the supermarket group based in Yorkshire.

"I think it's going to be a tough scene and, whilst people appear to be spending a little more money, I think we've got to expect to be tightening our belts a little bit and looking for economies in operations," said Ken Morrison, chairman.

The company turned in an 11.8 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £61.7 million and said sales in the first six weeks of the second half were up 3.4 per cent, compared with 1.3 per cent in the first half.

Mr Morrison said that food prices should remain flat or slightly lower during the second half.

The company will be concentrating on its large-format unit with a "Market Street" theme, which aims to recreate the atmosphere of a busy street market. Four new stores are set to open in the second half, taking the total to 86.

The company said that the link-up with Midland Bank to provide banking facilities in stores had boosted customer numbers and increased "the satisfaction of the people who shop with us anyway".

William Morrison linked up with Midland, part of HSBC Holdings, in March to follow a trend among supermarkets to add financial services to their business. The company has four units operating currently and plans to open another five this year.

The company will pay an interim dividend of 0.4p (0.325p), on November 10. Its shares rose 9½p yesterday to close at 197p.

Whirlpool Corp to shed 4,700 jobs

BY OUR CITY STAFF

WHIRLPOOL Corporation is to shed about 4,700 jobs in Asia, Europe and North America. The company also plans to increase efficiencies in its European operations through product consolidations and facility closings, while seeking strategic alliances or other alternatives for two Chinese joint ventures.

In connection with these changes, the company expects a pre-tax charge of about $350 million in the third quarter. In addition, Whirlpool is to acquire a controlling interest in Brasmotor, its Latin American affiliate, for $217 million.

Whirlpool also said that it would sell the inventory and some other assets of its Whirlpool Financial Corp unit, which is expected to have a positive impact of about 53 cents. The job cuts, facility closures and product consolidations in Europe, are expected to bring annual savings of about $180 million (£112 million), when fully implemented in 2000.

The sale of some aspects of Whirlpool Financial Corp unit to Transamerica Corp, and the sale of most of the unit's aerospace business to an unnamed party are expected to generate about $1.6 billion, or about $300 million after repayment of debt.

David Whitwam, Whirlpool chief executive, said: "We have made outstanding progress over the last several years in building our position as the global leader in the major home appliance business ... Today we are taking steps to further refine and strengthen our global network, improve our operating performance and align the organisation with the marketplace realities of our industry."

Share split planned by Tilbury

TILBURY DOUGLAS, the building and construction group, raised pre-tax profits from £8 million to £9.2 million in the six months to June 30 and now plans a share split (George Sivell writes).

Earnings per share rose from 16.5p to 18.1p and the half-year dividend was up to 7.5p (7p). Sales rose 4 per cent to £241 million. Mike Bottjer, chairman, said all the company's core businesses had achieved double-digit growth in pre-tax profits, operating profits and in earnings per share since 1993.

The performance during the first six months, coupled with encouraging prospects made him confident about growth in the second half and beyond.

Tilbury's directors are proposing a share split on the basis of five new shares of 10p for every two existing shares of 25p. An extraordinary meeting will be held on October 31 to consider the proposal.

The shares rose 2½p to 590p in response.

Ultraframe float to benefit staff

AROUND 460 staff at Ultraframe will share about £10 million from the stock market flotation of the conservatory roof company.

The company is expected to be valued at £100 million and staff own 10 per cent of the shares. Around 80 per cent is owned by the family of John Lancaster, the founder and vice-chairman. A 35 per cent holding is to be sold in the flotation; 45 per cent will be held for at least two years.

Ultraframe yesterday issued the pathfinder, listing particulars for its proposed flotation, which will be via a placing of existing ordinary shares. It is expected that full details of the placing will be announced next month. For the 44 weeks to August 1, 1997, Ultraframe made pre-tax profit before exceptional costs of £9.78 million on turnover of £44.02 million. It estimates pre-tax profit before exceptional costs of not less than £12.75 million in the year to September 26, up 67 per cent on the previous year.

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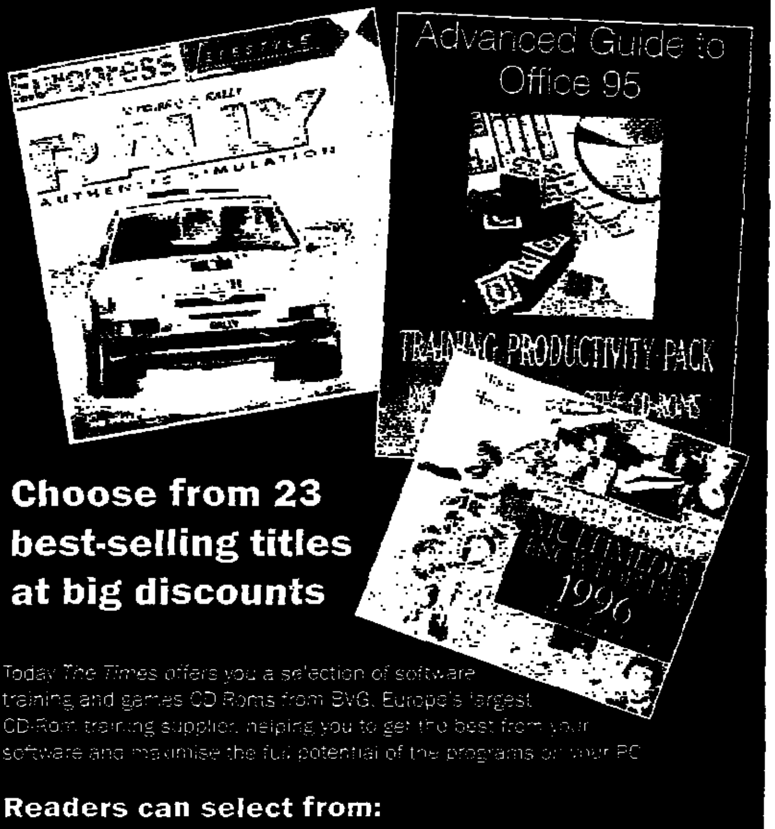

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French Connection continues expansion

FRENCH CONNECTION, the fashion chain, is planning an aggressive expansion programme in spite of its chairman's prediction that there will soon be a "tightening up" of the British retail market. The company, which was recently forced to tone down a controversial £1 million advertising campaign, plans to expand and move several of its existing stores and open five others, including two in the US and one in Newcastle. David Bernstein, French Connection's chairman, said: "I would say the market is tightening, but our position in that market will not be affected. We will see a lot of casualties in the near future because companies do not realise how discerning customers are becoming."

French Connection reported an 81 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £1.7 million to £3.1 million in the six months ended July 31, on turnover of £42 million, up 14 per cent from £37 million. Earnings per share more than doubled, from 4p to 9.7p, and an interim dividend of 0.75p, compared with 0.5p, will be paid on October 30.

Canning price falls

SHARES in W Canning, the speciality chemicals group, fell from 261p to 252½p despite a rise in pre-tax profits from £4.4 million to £4.6 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share rose from 9.9p to 10.5p, out of which the dividend rises from 3.4p to 3.7p. David Probert, the chairman, said first-half progress was satisfactory. He added that exchange-rate movement masked what could have been an 11.1 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, compared with the 4.1 per cent actual increase.

Servisair drops

SERVISAIR, the ground handling group, saw its shares fall from 365½p to 332½p after reporting pre-tax profits down from £926,000 to £102,000 in the six months to June 30 on sales up from £69.7 million to £73.6 million. The company said that the first six months' trading are not indicative of the full year because of the peak weighting of trading in the summer months. Analysts blamed withdrawal of several operators from Gatwick and pressure on charge rates. The half-year dividend rises 6 per cent to 1.75p a share. There is a loss per share of 0.1p (1.6p).

Tibbett & Britten ahead

TIBBETT & BRITTEN, the international logistics and supply chain management group, saw pre-tax profits rise 9 per cent to £11.6 million (£10.6 million) in the six months to June 28. Turnover surged 23 per cent to £417.1 million. Almost 90 per cent of the increased turnover was the result of newly won contracts in addition to a high level of contract renewals in the UK and North America. Earnings per share were up 7.5 per cent to 17.1p (15.9p). An interim dividend of 5.5p (5.2p) is due to be paid on November 12.

British Borneo up 10%

BRITISH Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, the oil exploration company, intends to increase its search for new opportunities outside its two core areas of the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea. The new focus comes as British Borneo steps up its investment in deep water projects with £500 million of capital expenditure budgeted over the next four years. A delayed start to production for the Durward and Dauntless oilfields in the North Sea left profits after tax up just 10 per cent to £8.9 million. Earnings rose slightly to 4.5p; the dividend is unchanged at 1p.

Names signed up

GREENWICH INSURANCE Holdings, promoter of the biggest of the Lloyd's conversion schemes, aimed at enabling names to underwrite with limited liability, has signed up 120 names, representing about £50 million in capacity. The scheme has gone unconditional, but remains open to acceptances until October 3. Another conversion scheme, backed by Stace Barr Angerstein, has attracted at least £33 million from 90 names, and remains open to applicants until September 26.

Rail report delayed

THE Government has agreed to an extension of the time allowed for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to report on the acquisition by National Express of the Scotrail and Central Trains rail franchises. The Department of Trade and Industry said: "After representations from the MMC that detailed and time-consuming route-by-route analysis of numerous overlaps between rail and coach services has been entailed in both inquiries, the Trade Secretary has concluded that the reporting period should in both instances be extended to October 3, 1997."

Fired up at Fired Earth

FIRED EARTH, the ceramics, floor-coverings and fabrics group, raised pre-tax profits from £254,000 to £523,000 in the six months to June 30 on sales up from £3.5 million to £5 million. The interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.2p out of earnings up from 3.0p to 6.2p. The company says that the second half has started well, and the shares rose 21½p to 266½p in response. Nicholas Kneale, chairman, added that Fire Earth expected to have 27 showrooms by the start of 1998, marking "a 50 per cent increase in outlets during 1997".

MEPT buyback plan

MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT is embarking on a second bid to boost the share price of its flagship European Privatisation Trust with a proposal to buy back up to 15 per cent of the fund's shares. Despite purchasing 67.3 million MEPT shares since January 1996 MAM has seen shares in the £930 million trust stick stubbornly at a 13 per cent discount to net asset value. However, it is now at a par with most other investment trusts, whose discounts have widenened in the same period.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
491½	407½	Allied Domecq	488	+ 4½	5.5	14.7
826	385	Bulmer (HP)	407½	+ 2½	4.5	11.4
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	48½	.	9.1	11.6
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	425½	Grand Met	593	+ 3½	3.2	19.0
627	424	Guinness	578½	+ 6½	3.5	16.5
380	293	Highland Dist	295½	− 1	3.6	13.8
338	213	Matthew Clark†	232½	+ 2½	12.9	6.9
109½	52½	Morrison Wt	60½		8.4	14.8
2009¾	1462½	SA Breweries	1765¾	− 6¾	2.2	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521¼	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1258¾	− 3¾	2.6	17.6
971	710	Abbey Natl	906½	+ 20½	3.8	14.8
669½	532½	Alliance & Leicst	666	+ 5½	3.1	15.6
563	388½	Allied Irish	519	− 8½	3.5	14.7
488¼	363½	Aus New Z	478¾	+ 1¼	3.9	..
4706¼	2875	Bank America	4706¼	+ 68¾		
458	297½	Bank Scotland	456	+ 3	2.3	13.8
1523	978½	Barclays†	1518½	+ 26	2.8	14.4
764	517½	Bk of Ireland	724	− 2½	2.7	16.0
8828¾	6008¾	Citicorp	8412½	+ 209¾	.	
1759¾	1268¾	Commerzbk	1693¾	− 18¾	2.8	.
862½	558¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	675	− 3½	0.6	
4321¼	2709¾	Deutsche Bk	3825	− 40¾	1.6	
1300	758½	Espirito Santo	1268¾	− 9½	2.9	
947½	584½	Fuji Bank Y	689¼	− 12¼	0.6	
2369½	1272½	HSBC†	1961	+ 2½	2.9	15.9
2258½	1241	HSBC HK†	1877½	− 1½	3.1	15.2
783	696½	Halifax	728½	+ 4½	2.6	24.5
610	483½	Irish Perm†	570		2.7	15.8
789	424	Lloyds TSB†	785	+ 22	2.3	22.9
929	669½	Nat Aust Bk	929	+ 17¼	4.2	13.1
886½	663½	Nat West†	886	+ 8½	4.2	14.0
665	508	Ryl Bk Scot	622½	+ 8	3.8	13.4
1093½	681	Stand Chart†	858½	+ 41	2.3	15.0
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397¼	315½	Westpac	373¼	+ 1	3.9	
373½	264	Woolwich†	327½	+ 10	3.0	19.4

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	852	+ 8	3.8	16.0
60¼	43½	Bk for the Brit	54½		4.1	11.5
205	142½	Burtonwd Brw	152½		4.9	14.2
156½	121½	City Centre Restt	143	− 1	2.2	22.5
744½	575½	Compass Gp	633½	+ 10½	1.8	23.3
305	250	Eldridge P A	281½		2.5	15.5
257½	227	Enterprise Inns	256½		3.4	18.1
485	412	Fulls Sm A	417½		3.0	14.5
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	451½	− ½	4.4	11.2
770	642	Greene King	715	− 1	2.9	15.4
237½	152½	Grosvenor Inns	155		5.3	
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	280½	+ 7	1.3	27.5
298½	261	Hardy Hanson	265	+ 1	5.2	11.8
2850	2675	Hall J	2675		2.8	15.8
78	63	Inn Businesst	65		3.1	10.5

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200½	162½	Car Group	189½		2.6	20.4
139½	117½	Cavendish†	133½		3.6	7.7
100	61½	Charles Sidney	73½	+ 1	5.5	10.3
58½	45½	Cook (DC)†	46½	.	6.5	6.2
121	90½	Dag Motors	105	+ 1	9.8	6.7
134½	102½	Dennans El	102½		3.4	9.4
400	217	Diploma	246½	+ 1	7.4	9.3
494	387½	Electrocomponts	466	+ ½	2.1	26.3
226½	117½	Eurodis Elec	154	+ 1	4.2	28.5
97½	76½	European Mot	91	+ 1	7.7	8.1
300	213	Evans Halshaw†	262½		7.3	
56	39½	File Indexing†	55		7.7	9.0
397½	312½	Finelist Grp	326½	+ 1	3.0	
34½	24½	Gardiner†	25¼		4.7	9.3
79¼	57½	Glenchewton	68		2.9	11.1
110	82½	Gowrings†	107½		3.6	17.9
15½	11	HR Owen	15	+ ½	5.5	13.6
103	20½	Hamlet#	22½			2.1
272½	232½	Hardy (Phillips)†	265		4.7	10.2
330	284½	Headlam	329½		2.3	19.8
165	145	Holders Tecnl	165	.	4.9	13.5
248½	149½	ISA Intl	150		2.5	11.7
308½	240½	Inchcape	271	− 1	4.6	17.6
72	48½	Jacks (Wm)	67½	+ 3	4.7	8.5
311	214½	Kwik-Fit	308½	+ 23½	2.4	16.8
458½	316½	Lex Service	453½	.	4.5	13.6
127	100	Lookers†	100	.	10.0	7.1
9	5¼	Middlesex	7¾	...	1.6	13.6
41½	10½	Motorlines	15		4.1	
472	180	Norbain	267½	+ 1	4.0	9.1
166½	114½	Northamber	153½	+ ½	1.1	9.2
352¼	305¼	Parity	315		3.2	16.6
394½	254¼	Pendragon	269½	.	4.7	11.9
223½	172½	Perry Gp	178½		6.6	7.7
751	448	Premier Farnell	533½	+ 2½	2.8	19.7
152½	122½	Quicks Group†	137½		6.8	8.6
357	307½	REA†	317		1.8	39.1
2½	1½	Reece	1½			30.2
28	12½	Ronson	17	− ½	1.8	
4	1¾	Ross Gp	2½	...	...	..
109½	78½	Ryland†	90	.	5.7	8.5
38	24	SEP Indl†	26¼	.	7.4	12.1
92½	25	Sadire	29½	− 1	5.7	
415½	283½	Time Products	294		5.1	11.2
347	186½	Trust Motor Grp	186½	+ 1	7.6	8.1
338	228	UMECO	329½	+ 1	2.1	21.4
90½	59	United Oseas Gp	90	+ 3		19.5
352½	262½	Vardy (Reg)†	282½		3.3	13.5
685	498½	WF Electl	580	...	3.2	20.2
41	25¼	Walshaw†	29½		3.6	8.3
172½	111½	Wyko	149½		2.5	.
155½	119½	Young (H)	156		3.5	13.2

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Antofagasta	400		1.6	21.1
328	232	Ascot Hldgs	238½	+ 1	2.7	39.8
917	713	Broken Hill	713	− 1¾	3.2	17.5
289	180½	BTR	238½	+ ½	4.7	8.2
601½	462	BAT†	529½	+ 11	6.1	11.3
266	182	Cookson	255	+ ½	4.4	15.8
220½	197½	Cosalt	215½		6.0	9.3
402½	255½	DCC	381½	.	2.3	14.2
312½	243½	Galliber	267	− 6	9.3	8.0
141	115½	Grampian Hdg	131½	− ½	5.8	11.4

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
114½	80½	J Fry 2nd UI	113½	.	8.3	15.4
116	82½	J Fry Euro U	114	.	6.1	
165½	119	JF Fledg Jap	125½	+ 2½	..	..
110½	92½	Jupiter Ex Inc	108	+ ¼	9.1	10.6
14½	3½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	10½			.
86½	76½	Jupiter Gbl Capt	85	.	11.3	10.6
39	31	Jupiter Gbl Pfd	39			
139½	120½	Jupiter Intl Grnt	132	+ ½	3.7	
386	293	Klwrt Chrl	376½	+ 1½	2.0	56.1
118½	98½	Klwrt E Mid	110½	+ 1	..	.
172½	153½	Klwrt Eml	172	.	.	..
103	74	Klwrt H Inct	100	+ ½	13.5	.
365	261	Klwrt O'seast	354½	+ ½	1.4	68.7
188½	161½	Klwrt Smlr†	167½		2.7	44.8
387	254½	Korea—Euro	286¼	+ ¾	0.4	.
173½	98½	Latin American	150¾	+ 2½	.	
1136½	902½	Law Debenture†	1102½	− 4	3.1	33.4
119½	103½	Life Off Opp	114½	.		
133	109½	Lloyds Sm Cap	125½			
25¼	17½	Lloyds Sm Dv	22¼	.	26.1	5.0
158½	128	Lloyds Sm Ptg	148		3.6	
172½	158½	Lon St Lawrence†	170½		4.7	27.4
325½	282½	Lowland	318½	+ 1½	4.5	24.1
747½	635	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	745	+ 2½		

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1685	1400	Euromoney Pb	1685	.	3.7	21.0
49	37	Fitch†	47½		1.6	11.7
803½	502½	Flextech	620		.	
232½	199	GGT Group	199	− 1½	4.0	.
232½	167½	GWR Gp	193	+ ½	1.8	31.5
401½	300½	Gearhouse Group	381½	− 14	2.4	
36	24½	Goodhead	35½		1.4	
319½	243½	Grampian	314½	.	2.9	21.7
345	254	HIT Enter▲	315		0.2	46.8
415½	277½	HTV Group	414		1.3	49.8
397½	207½	Haynes Pub	257½	− 7½	5.2	.
22½	6½	Highbury Hse	10	− ½		
230	183	Hodder H'line	185½		4.4	14.0
285	243	Home Countst	251		2.9	24.4
395	295	IBC†	392½	.	3.1	13.7
36½	18½	Incepta	30			21.5
407½	297½	Independent	360	− 2½	2.4	24.5
145	95	Intereurope	119		4.2	9.5
229½	172½	Johnston Press	220½	.	1.5	20.2
45	25	Lopex†	34	+ ½	3.1	9.1
247½	140	MAID	197½	+ ½	.	.
327½	272½	Maiden	275	+ 1	1.6	19.0
42½	26½	Medialkey	39½		3.6	13.2
1265	950	Metal Bulletin	1150	+ 10	2.3	32.8

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35	GR Portland	Property	
36	Ferraris Gp	Healthcre	
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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
67½	55½	Jerome (S)	56½		6.6	10.8
380	293	Jones Stroud†	305	.	4.5	14.5
156½	110	Lambert†	143½	.	7.0	9.6
195	120	Lamont	131½		12.2	14.8
173	108	Leeds	110½		7.7	8.3
38½	21½	Leslie Wise Grp†	22	..	12.8	16.8
62	47	Lyles (S)	48		2.0	
16½	7¼	Marling†	16¼	.	1.5	62.9
8¼	3¼	PEX	4¼	.		6.6
207½	166½	Parkland†	184½		4.5	8.0
178	88	Penford	101½		4.5	15.0

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	138.79	147.89†	+ 0.27	
Do NAV to Jun 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	108.36	115.82	- 0.10	2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	956.09	950.87†	..	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	357.49	380.20†	+ 2.00	1.74
British Growth	82.42	88.14	...	1.43
UK Small Cos	76.20	81.49†		0.49
FTSE 250 Index	96.82	103.32	+ 0.49	2.11
Geared UK Index	2279.07	2405.96†	+ 23.00	5.25
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	111.30	119.03†	+ 0.10	4.24
Corp Bd	79.20	81.82	- 0.01	
Monthly Inc	42.40	45.23†		8.47
International Funds				
American Gen	305.80	323.60	- 1.10	
American Smll	279.19	298.59	- 0.10	
JG US Index	2338.94	2462.36†		4.00
European Gen	333.70	352.80	+ 0.20	0.64
European Smll	147.21	157.44	+ 0.10	
Japan Gen	130.80	138.40	- 0.10	.
Japan Smll	44.65	47.10	- 0.40	
Asia Pacific	91.74	98.02	- 0.65	.
Pacific Smll	154.63	165.37		
Greater China	310.13	331.69	- 4.30	
Latin America	128.85	137.79	+ 1.70	.
Intl Growth	183.52	196.27		
Balanced Exempt	152.90	158.40		2.26
Global Strategy	51.77	55.36	- 0.22	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	828.30	881.20	+ 3.90	2.23
General Inc	675.10	718.20	+ 3.20	2.23
UK Growth Acc	573.00	609.60	+ 2.50	2.10
UK Growth Inc	366.30	389.70	+ 1.50	2.10
Higher Inc Acc #	1075.30	1080.20	+ 2.80	4.40
Higher Inc Inc #	532.80	566.70	+ 1.50	4.40
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	227.20	240.00	+ 0.10	5.39
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.63	99.94	+ 0.02	5.39
Nth America	445.40	473.90	- 2.30	
Europe	455.00	484.10	+ 1.40	0.01
Brit Excell	114.30	121.70	+ 0.40	2.24
Brit Fndmtls Acc	139.00	147.90	+ 0.20	4.28
Brit Fndmtls Inc	89.19	94.89	+ 0.10	4.28
Global Opps	118.16	125.70	+ 0.40	
Balanced Acc	74.73	79.50	+ 0.11	2.10
Balanced Inc	69.06	73.47	+ 0.10	2.10
Japan Acc	39.74	42.28	- 0.01	
Pac Basin Acc	378.10	402.30	- 1.50	1.25
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	138.60	147.10†	- 0.20	6.20
High Inc Equity	216.20	231.20	+ 0.10	4.36
Worldwide Bond	273.40	289.90†	- 1.30	3.41
American Growth	535.50	572.10	- 4.20	0.29
Asian Pacific	324.20	346.70	- 5.00	0.40
Assets & Earnings	336.60	360.20	+ 0.30	2.60
Euro Capital Acc	245.40	262.50	- 0.50	0.76
Extra Inc	43.56	46.34†	+ 0.03	8.48
General	308.40	328.10†		2.39
Global Opps	83.30	88.62†	- 0.17	0.36
Japan	92.41	98.83	- 0.92	
Managed Inc	53.01	56.33†	- 0.03	4.07
Mastertrust	190.90	204.20	- 0.10	1.09
US Emerging Cos	230.50	246.50	- 1.20	
Ethical	86.40	91.92	- 0.12	1.99
International	154.40	164.30	- 0.90	0.53
Dividend & Growth	79.66	84.73	+ 0.01	4.12
Global Gwth & Sec	77.70	82.98	+ 0.15	2.43
Latin America	97.48	103.70†	+ 0.40	0.65
Capital Reserve	151.30	151.40	- 0.30	4.62
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	110.10	117.10	+ 0.30	2.02
Equity Income #	152.40	162.10†	+ 0.40	2.72
Extra Income #	291.00	309.50†	+ 0.70	6.95
Smaller Cos	104.80	111.40†	+ 0.30	2.90
International	133.80	142.30	+ 0.40	1.28
ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
American	80.72	83.94	- 0.44	
Emerging Mkts	77.43	80.65	+ 0.07	.
European	176.53	183.62	+ 0.51	
Extra Income #	55.40	58.30†	+ 0.22	5.28
Far East Emg Eco	112.76	118.28	- 0.70	0.59
Fixed Interest #	27.21	28.29†	+ 0.03	8.28
Fixed Inv Tst #	166.84	175.15	+ 0.18	9.65
Japan	167.93	174.47†	- 0.29	
Latin American	81.07	85.00†	+ 1.16	.
Pacific	74.89	78.62	- 0.22	0.38
Property	85.36	89.62	+ 0.38	1.62
UK Emerging Cos	68.47	73.98	- 0.10	0.69
UK Growth	67.29	70.08	+ 0.32	1.44
Aber World Port #	92.59	97.45	- 0.33	2.58
Ethical	84.60	87.97	+ 0.13	1.01
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.55	50.55†	- 0.06	6.88
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2462.00	2569.00	+ 17.00	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property #	109.20	116.10		4.89
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	105.18	111.51†	+ 0.72	1.87
Income Builder Inc	94.09	100.10	+ 0.32	3.51
For Aldd Dunbar see Threadneedle				
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Colecad Out Pens	136.70	142.00		
Foundtn Pers Pens	80.42	83.55		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	466.20	496.00†	- 2.30	
Bond	124.50	130.80	..	6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	115.10	122.40	+ 0.40	1.09
Europe	369.10	392.10	- 0.50	
Euro Smlr Cos	134.90	143.60	- 0.30	0.31
High Income #	68.02	72.36†	+ 0.18	5.43
Income	405.10	431.00†	+ 2.10	3.98
Japan	304.70	323.00	- 4.20	
Latin American	121.70	129.50	+ 1.60	
Pacific	116.40	123.80	- 1.30	0.54
UK Smllr Cos	62.45	66.44	- 3.70	1.37
Japan Fd	548.80	566.50	- 9.70	.
Mngd Fd	244.00	259.10	- 0.10	2.44
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	442.40	467.90	+ 3.50	0.75
Capital Gwth	162.80	172.20	+ 5.00	2.43
Wrlde Opps	248.40	262.70		0.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	514.00	546.90		1.53
European Bd Inc	99.39	102.90	+ 0.10	5.94
Exempt	102.30	108.90	- 0.10	2.11
500	506.70	547.00†	+ 2.10	1.99
General	390.40	415.20†	- 0.20	1.66
Property	263.30	282.40		5.60
Trustee	277.10	294.80		1.61
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	101.10	101.10		6.38
Distribution #	125.50	136.10†	+ 0.10	5.15
Extra Income #	167.60	178.70		4.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.03	63.95†	- 0.02	7.38
Income #	690.10	736.10	- 0.40	4.14
Income Builder #	79.07	84.15†	+ 0.06	4.75
Intl Income	85.63	91.10	- 0.32	1.37
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	174.10	185.20†	- 0.10	1.44
FTSE 100	128.10	136.00	- 0.20	1.89
Smllr Cos Inc	59.63	63.60†	+ 0.17	2.21
UK Growth	499.30	533.60	- 0.70	1.64
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	234.20	248.20	- 2.30	0.11
F East Gwth Acc	278.10	295.80	- 3.60	0.34
Far East Gwth	164.70	175.20	- 2.10	0.34
Euro Gwth Inc	236.90	250.70†	- 0.50	0.37
-do- Accum	258.40	274.50	- 0.60	0.37
Japan	117.20	124.10	.	
-do- Accum	118.60	125.60	.	
Japan Spec Sits	55.20	58.48	- 0.09	.
Worldwide	224.80	238.50	- 1.10	0.56
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	180.80	191.00	- 0.10	.
Amer Smllr Cos	187.80	199.50	+ 0.30	
Eastern	269.90	289.80	- 3.90	0.30
Equity Income #	120.30	128.40	+ 0.60	4.00
European Growth	481.40	511.60	+ 1.10	0.80
Europe	452.10	482.20	+ 0.90	0.80
German Growth	110.00	116.60	- 0.70	0.50
Global Bond	73.94	77.76	- 0.10	4.60
Global Growth	175.30	185.90	+ 0.20	0.40
Japan Growth	152.60	161.60	- 0.90	.
Japan Sunrise	104.80	110.80	- 0.90	.
Korea Trust	50.06	54.81	- 0.37	.
Portfolio	172.80	183.90†	+ 0.70	2.00
-do- Accum	333.50	355.00	+ 1.40	2.00
UK Growth	128.20	137.10	+ 0.60	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	114.10	123.80	+ 0.90	1.90
Select Managers	98.32	105.20	- 0.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	106.10	112.90		
Special Oppor Inc	75.13	79.93†		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	179.26	186.73	+ 2.47	1.10
-do- Accum	209.79	218.53	+ 2.89	1.10
Smaller Cos	175.86	193.18	+ 0.08	0.39
Higher Yield #	67.83	70.66		3.14
American Gth Inc	137.47	143.20†	- 1.47	
European Growth	203.09	211.58†	+ 0.12	
-do- Accum	207.44	216.08	+ 0.13	
Mngd Ptflo Inc	63.56	66.21†	- 0.22	1.27
-do- Accum	66.60	69.38	- 0.23	1.27
Intl Spec Opps	213.56	222.46	+ 1.56	
Pacific Grth	168.21	175.21	- 3.17	
UK General #	120.65	125.89	+ 0.27	2.83
-do- Accum #	133.09	138.84	+ 0.30	2.83
Japan	48.48	50.50	- 0.03	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	106.38	110.24†	- 0.05	7.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.82	66.66	- 0.23	6.27
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	207.90	218.80	+ 0.10	1.53
UK Growth	259.10	272.80†	- 0.20	1.82
UK Income	178.90	188.40	- 0.30	3.70
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	271.90	291.40	+ 1.10	1.36
-do- Income Dist	151.80	160.60	+ 0.20	3.11
-do- Accum	505.00	535.20	+ 0.80	3.11
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.54	44.70†	- 0.01	6.09
Growth Units	317.50	339.50†	+ 1.90	1.72
Bond	183.60	193.10†		6.00
Intl Growth	253.50	269.80	- 0.70	0.17
North American	324.20	344.00	- 2.10	
Far East	269.70	288.50	- 2.20	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	245.60	262.90	+ 0.60	1.08
European	117.00	124.50	+ 0.20	0.41
Japanese Growth	36.72	38.91	- 0.01	
High Income	262.50	280.40†	+ 0.50	3.62
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	289.80	306.50†	- 0.40	
European Inc	122.00	129.70†	+ 0.20	0.10
Smaller Cos (4-1)	110.30	117.30†	+ 0.30	1.76
Growth	656.10	698.00†	- 2.60	1.85
Income & Growth #	554.70	590.20	+ 1.50	4.34
-do- Accum #	866.50	921.90	+ 2.40	4.34
Japan & Gen	57.65	61.30	- 0.10	
Hallmark Gwth	1485.00	1527.00	+ 3.00	1.51
-do- Accum	1831.00	1908.00	+ 3.00	1.51
Special Sits	152.90	162.70	+ 0.60	1.80
High Yield	1796.00	1852.00	+ 5.00	3.87
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	114.51	121.95	+ 0.25	2.33
American Portfolio	161.09	170.94	- 0.39	0.71
European Portfolio	164.51	174.92	+ 0.10	0.41
High Income	54.88	57.76	+ 0.03	5.69
Japanese Portfolio	56.46	59.87†	- 0.29	
Pacific Portfolio	151.82	163.25	- 1.34	0.73
UK Equity	113.41	121.11	+ 0.51	2.82
UK Equity & Bd	65.88	69.84	+ 0.16	5.16
UK Smlr Cos	52.96	56.65†	+ 0.06	1.69
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	901.64	915.26	- 13.34	3.79
Inv Fd Acc	922.22	936.16	- 13.84	
Pel Int Sec Inc	180.31	180.95	+ 0.81	6.88
Pel Int Sec Acc	167.58	168.26	+ 0.86	.
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	912.16	925.94	+ 12.95	3.76
Investment Acc	4344.24	4409.99	+ 61.76	
Fixed Int Inc	133.53	134.07	+ 1.93	6.65
Fixed Int Acc	259.62	260.86	+ 3.75	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	94.93	99.88		5.02
Beck Bio-Tech	45.06	48.64	+ 2.08	
Acorn Ethical Tst	213.41	224.10		0.41
City Fst Assets	88.52	90.85	..	1.82
City Fin Intl	96.38	101.21		0.08
Friars Hse Cap	348.30	370.53		1.88
Buckley Wrld Gth	157.15	166.80†		.
Shaw Utilities	77.45	79.15	+ 0.12	4.40
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	64.33	68.25	- 0.16	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	101.40	107.87	- 0.46	
Dragon Growth	66.82	71.25	- 0.42	0.58
Equity High Inc	109.84	116.23†	+ 0.34	3.27
-do- Accum	164.90	174.49	+ 0.51	3.27
Extra Income Inc	28.49	29.69	+ 0.04	6.41
Extra Income Acc	32.58	34.29	+ 0.05	6.41
European Gwth	82.68	87.47	+ 0.16	0.10
Evergreen	36.15	38.66	+ 0.04	
General Equity	129.90	137.10	+ 0.71	2.30
Japan Growth	39.56	42.09	+ 0.01	
Pelican Gwth	76.99	81.47	+ 0.48	1.78
Ped Sm Cos Inc	41.07	43.46	+ 0.03	1.43
-do- Accum	43.99	46.55	+ 0.03	1.43
Retirement Inc #	32.78	34.87	+ 0.09	5.17
Special Sits	54.04	58.11	+ 0.42	2.84
UK & Overseas	71.42	75.58	- 0.08	0.45
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	80.48	83.83†	+ 0.17	3.69
Capital	99.16	103.29†	+ 0.56	2.13
High Income	55.45	57.76†	- 0.01	6.41
Top 50	70.79	73.73†	+ 0.12	2.18
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	219.46	228.63	+ 0.28	4.22
Long Gilt	48.11	51.13	+ 0.09	5.47
Monthly Inc Plus	55.86	58.19	- 0.01	7.70
Preference Share	53.80	56.05	- 0.01	6.98
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	158.87	165.51	+ 0.32	5.41
Managed Fund	87.72	91.38	+ 0.20	2.48
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.01	54.18	+ 0.04	1.57
-do- Accum	62.20	64.80	+ 0.05	1.57
UK & General	119.99	125.00	- 1.30	2.25
-do- Accum	159.07	165.72	- 1.72	2.25
UK Growth	237.66	247.59	+ 0.95	1.58
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	268.93	280.16	+ 0.78	0.48
Far Eastern Gth	126.71	132.00	- 0.71	0.21
Global Bond	75.61	78.77	- 0.18	6.52
Japan Growth	101.23	105.46	+ 0.11	.
North Amer Gth	307.77	320.63	- 0.77	.
Oriental Growth	80.36	83.72	- 0.74	0.58
Worldwide Growth	84.26	87.78	+ 0.05	0.30
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.47	93.47	+ 0.01	6.03
Homemaker Fund	103.29	109.68	+ 0.18	1.96
Quilter Fund	178.62	187.89†	+ 0.42	1.68
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	39.97	42.72†	+ 0.74	2.90
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	197.30	209.90	+ 0.50	1.71
Income	84.35	89.73†	+ 0.40	3.83
European	94.85	100.69	- 0.73	0.14
Recovery	193.90	205.30	+ 1.80	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1167.10	1186.20	..	3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	87.10	92.46	+ 0.18	0.34
Fellowship Tst	116.10	123.50	+ 0.50	1.10
Income #	331.20	352.30	+ 0.90	3.90
-do- Accum #	900.80	958.20	+ 2.40	3.90
Smaller Cos	230.40	245.10	+ 0.50	0.75
-do- Accum	287.90	306.20	+ 0.80	0.75
Gilt Portfolio	114.10	121.30	+ 0.40	1.30
High Inc Port #	96.82	103.00	+ 0.30	4.05
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1834				
Global Sm Cos	1949.00	1970.90	+ 12.80	0.52
UK Small Cos	2268.00	2356.00	+ 7.10	2.91
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	247.50	255.10		.
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	207.30	220.50	+ 0.50	1.45
UK High Inc Inc	222.20	236.30	+ 0.30	3.01
-do- Accum	309.70	329.40	+ 0.40	3.01
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.91	67.87	- 0.05	5.45
Environmtl Opps	124.00	131.90	+ 0.50	0.76
UK Smlr Cos	74.00	78.72†	+ 0.50	0.86
Extra Income Inc	53.43	56.81†	+ 0.04	6.06
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	24.40	25.93†	- 0.01	5.40
Enterprise	120.10	127.30	+ 0.10	1.96
Equity Income #	169.00	179.60†	+ 0.60	3.56
European	76.73	81.24	- 0.15	
Financial	69.54	73.89†	+ 0.10	1.35
Growth & Inc #	344.60	366.40†	+ 1.20	2.39
High Dist #	218.10	229.60	+ 0.70	3.70
International	461.10	489.90	- 1.20	0.20
Intl Cap Inc	126.10	134.60	- 0.30	2.01
Latin American	42.04	44.67†	+ 0.60	
Mgd Gwth Port	97.22	101.60		4.92
Pacific	84.08	89.34	- 0.78	
Pref High Inc	25.04	26.61	+ 0.14	6.76
Tokyo	179.10	189.20†	- 1.70	.
UK Smaller Cos	250.10	265.70	+ 0.90	1.13
Japan Sm Cos	295.40	312.70	- 5.20	.
Nth Amer	561.80	583.90	- 3.20	0.50
UK Inc & Grth	312.40	332.90	+ 1.50	2.24
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	123.31	131.33	- 1.04	0.98
Growth Acc	314.80	334.96	+ 4.11	0.20
Income	617.06	659.11†	+ 13.46	5.94
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	257.30	273.70	+ 3.20	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	114.38	120.40	- 0.30	1.40
Ethical Tst	55.35	58.26	- 0.08	0.81
Far Eastern	282.82	297.70	- 4.76	1.60
High Income	168.00	176.84	+ 0.84	4.23
UK Index Trcking	65.17	68.60†	+ 0.43	2.55
Intl Growth	153.62	161.71	- 1.51	1.20
North American	193.68	203.87†	- 1.45	1.46
Pelican	177.71	187.06	+ 1.05	2.58
Smaller Cos	72.76	76.59	+ 0.38	2.43
Special Sits	90.44	95.20†	- 0.43	3.29
Tst of Inv Tsts	240.23	252.87†	+ 0.39	1.47
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	123.77	131.32	+ 0.15	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.50	62.07	+ 0.03	0.47
High Income #	41.14	43.62	+ 0.09	11.46
Warr & Gl Opps	52.50	56.45†	+ 0.02	.
Zero Preference	47.88	50.80	+ 0.04	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 229 707				
Family Asset Tst	115.00	122.30	- 0.20	2.10
United Charities	337.00	358.50	+ 0.50	1.65
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	6.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.10	28.09	- 0.09	5.20
Strategic Inc	29.47	30.61†	+ 0.02	5.51
Income Funds				
High Income	30.56	32.08†		4.80
Income Plus	162.60	172.90†		3.47
European Income	61.60	65.47	+ 0.08	1.71
Moneybuilder Gwth	36.29	38.56†	+ 0.07	2.17
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	39.11	41.72	- 0.80	
American	440.30	468.10	+ 3.40	
Amer Spec Sits	259.60	276.20	- 0.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	22.55	23.95	- 0.32	
European	295.50	314.20	+ 1.70	0.43
European Opps	107.60	114.40	+ 0.30	0.49
Global Prtr	39.13	41.61	- 0.05	0.39
UK Growth	147.10	156.50†	+ 0.70	1.25
Growth & Inc	217.00	230.80	+ 0.50	2.07
Intl PEP	59.96	63.76	+ 0.08	1.08
Japan Spec Sits	71.91	76.24	- 0.46	
Japan	173.80	184.00	+ 0.50	
Managed Intl	446.70	474.40	+ 0.20	0.57
Moneybuilder Plus	78.42	78.68	+ 0.21	0.33
Recovery	70.24	74.69	+ 1.31	1.83
South E Asia	197.00	210.10	- 0.90	0.92
Special Sits	847.20	900.90†	+ 3.10	0.49
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	121.08	121.08	+ 0.02	6.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2780				
Balanced #	172.10	174.10†		1.59
Finsbury Prf Inc #	106.00	106.70†	+ 0.10	6.19
Cap Pfolio	194.50	196.30	- 0.30	0.08
General Opps	165.49	166.70		2.99
Growth Inc	45.43	45.90	+ 0.20	1.61
Private Portfolio	568.00	574.20†	.	1.08
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	178.40	189.70	+ 1.00	
High Income	23.60	25.08†	+ 0.09	8.97
Japan Smlr Cos	14.16	15.22	- 0.30	
US Smaller Cos	542.70	576.00	- 2.50	.
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	104.20	110.60		
-do- Accum	104.20	110.60		
Amer Smlr Cos	833.00	886.00†	+ 0.30	..
-do- Accum	850.90	905.20†	+ 0.30	
Capital Tst	403.50	429.30†	+ 2.10	1.26
-do- Accum	600.60	638.90†	+ 3.20	1.26
Conlf Smlr Cos	67.72	72.19	+ 0.06	1.03
-do- Accum	72.67	77.47	+ 0.07	1.03
Convertible	146.10	155.40	..	5.38
-do- Accum	330.90	352.00		5.38
Emerging Markets	79.98	85.45	+ 0.97	0.54
-do- Accum	80.62	86.13	+ 0.98	0.54
European	191.20	202.50	+ 0.40	0.40
-do- Accum	203.30	215.30	+ 0.50	0.40
Extra Income	467.90	497.80	+ 2.70	3.99
-do- Accum	770.80	820.00	+ 4.30	3.99
Financial	233.70	248.60	+ 0.20	0.94
-do- Accum	250.20	266.20	+ 0.20	0.94
Gilt Trust	64.63	66.65	- 0.05	7.04
-do- Accum	103.60	106.80	- 0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	305.40	326.30	+ 1.40	.
-do- Accum	305.40	326.30	+ 1.40	.
Income & Growth	272.10	289.50	+ 1.30	3.54
-do- Accum	445.30	473.70	+ 2.10	3.54
Intl Growth	489.70	521.50	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	543.80	579.10	- 0.10	.
Japan & Gen	148.10	157.10	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	149.60	158.70	- 0.20	
Monthly Inc #	235.10	250.10†	+ 0.80	4.26
-do- Accum #	243.20	258.70†	+ 0.80	4.26
Managed Port Inc	136.20	143.40	+ 0.30	1.25
-do- Accum	149.70	157.60	+ 0.30	1.25
Quarterly Income #	64.03	68.49†	+ 0.26	5.07
-do- Accum #	76.95	82.30†	+ 0.29	5.07
Recovery	355.00	379.70	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	419.10	448.20	- 0.50	
UK Growth	77.74	82.70	+ 0.21	1.79
-do- Accum	85.90	91.38	+ 0.22	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	79.78	84.82	- 0.19	
FP Am Smlr Cos	239.50	255.40	- 1.60	.
FP Asian Growth	261.40	278.80	- 2.80	
FP Australian	474.70	505.30†	- 0.60	
FP Equity Dist	547.50	583.90	+ 0.30	1.99
-do- Accum	1235.00	1317.00	+ 1.00	1.99
FP Euro Gth	379.80	405.10	+ 0.50	...
-do- Accum	416.20	443.90	+ 0.70	.
FP Intl Bond	58.10	61.48†	- 0.21	3.95
FP Intl Gth Dist	44.57	47.54	- 0.07	
-do- Accum	65.48	69.82	- 0.11	
FP Pac Basin Acc	215.60	229.90	- 1.20	
FP Income #	68.78	73.36	- 0.11	4.39
-do- Accum #	249.60	266.20	- 0.30	4.39
FP Jap Smlr Cos	206.80	220.60	- 2.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	83.79	89.37†	- 0.08	4.79
FP Stg Deposit	101.00	101.00		6.27
FP Tokyo	73.82	78.74	- 0.03	
FP UK Focus	51.27	54.68	- 0.02	1.47
FP UK Growth	241.30	257.40	+ 0.10	1.58
-do- Accum	496.90	530.00	+ 0.20	1.58
Stewardship Dist	470.70	502.00	+ 0.80	1.49
-do- Accum	598.70	638.60	+ 1.00	1.49
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	78.87	84.12†	+ 0.06	5.02
-do- Accum #	112.50	119.90	+ 0.10	5.02
N Am Stshp Dist	170.10	181.40	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	183.20	195.30	- 0.50	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	121.10	121.70	+ 0.30	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	122.40	123.00	+ 0.30	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	148.20	157.60	+ 2.40	0.47
Oppt Cap Gth Acc	151.10	160.70	+ 1.70	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	132.40	140.80†	+ 1.90	2.63
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	143.40	152.50	+ 2.10	2.63
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	137.10	145.80†	+ 1.60	3.59
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	150.60	160.10	+ 1.70	3.59
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	360.50	382.50	- 0.20	1.51
Cash	49.56	50.29†		4.53
Growth Portfolio	104.10	110.70	- 0.60	.
Income Portfolio	85.87	91.11†	- 0.32	2.71
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 8431				
American Smlr Cos	273.70	292.40	- 1.00	0.11
European Gth	884.30	938.50	+ 1.70	0.51
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	61.13	64.67	- 0.07	3.89
-do- Accum	70.19	74.27	- 0.07	3.69
High Yield #	53.29	56.31†	- 0.09	7.18
-do- Accum #	62.50	66.03	- 0.11	7.18
Income Inc	219.80	235.10†	- 0.60	3.78
-do- Accum	259.60	277.70	- 0.60	3.78
Intl Growth	432.60	458.50	- 1.30	0.27
Intl Income	113.90	120.80	- 0.80	1.96
Japan Growth	422.10	447.40	+ 0.40	.
Orient Acc	204.90	219.20	- 3.80	0.14
UK General Inc	224.30	239.40†	- 0.10	1.65
UK General Acc	408.70	434.10	- 0.20	1.65
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	65.06	69.59	+ 0.13	1.67
UK Spec Sits	118.00	126.20		1.30
US Growth	247.30	261.50	- 1.50	
Wwide Spec Sits	199.90	212.90	- 0.20	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	70.49	75.31†	+ 0.46	1.85
Practical Inv Inc #	135.93	145.38†	+ 0.11	3.31
-do- Accum #	338.15	361.66	+ 0.26	3.31
UK Index	217.51	218.60†	+ 0.65	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	236.31	252.74	+ 1.09	0.38
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.08	27.09†	- 0.01	6.92
High Income	40.69	43.37†	+ 0.08	3.50
UK Growth & Inc	187.73	200.37†	+ 0.40	1.91
Global Bond	28.39	29.43†	- 0.04	4.72
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	52.79	56.46	- 0.04	.
Global Managed	167.11	177.38	- 0.24	1.02
Gold & Intl Res	100.89	107.90†	- 1.23	
Global Utilities	174.89	186.49†	- 0.13	0.61
Overseas Funds				
American	257.37	272.52	- 1.97	0.38
European	172.15	183.14	+ 0.42	0.47
Euro Sel Opps	269.45	285.77†	+ 0.32	.
Amer Emerging	210.79	224.08	- 1.52	.
Hong Kong	239.42	256.31	- 4.62	0.73
Japan	190.34	201.49	- 0.87	..
Pacific Growth	214.64	230.04	- 2.28	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	152.59	152.59†	+ 0.02	6.40
Managed Equity	298.48	298.48	+ 1.22	1.61
Long Term Bal	318.45	318.45	+ 1.04	2.47
Med Term Bal	258.16	258.16	+ 0.73	2.67
UK Equity	370.17	370.17	+ 2.36	2.01
UK Emerging Cos	187.37	187.37	+ 0.11	2.20
American	429.57	429.57†	- 3.03	0.30
Japan	111.13	111.13†	- 0.37	..
European	448.23	448.23†	+ 1.01	0.58
Index Linked Gilt	200.77	200.77†	+ 0.31	2.60
Fixed Interest	198.03	198.03†	+ 0.02	6.80
Amer Emerging	460.60	460.60	- 1.54	..
Pacific	195.57	195.57	- 5.59	1.11
Emerging Mkts	151.31	151.31†	+ 0.63	0.69
Index Strat Japan	117.57	117.57	+ 0.04	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	186.41	186.41	- 1.75	1.30
-do- Cont Europe	237.73	237.73	- 1.83	1.24
Index Strat USA	258.38	258.38	- 1.53	1.12
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	141.57	150.80	+ 0.81	.
Med Term Bal	124.17	132.09	+ 0.38	.
Long Term Bal	143.69	153.07	+ 0.50	
UK Equity	172.61	183.83	+ 1.12	.
UK Emerging Cos	85.93	91.38	+ 0.07	.
American	199.59	212.33	- 1.50	
Japan	53.35	56.75		
European	186.70	198.61	+ 0.45	
Fixed Interest	102.96	109.11	+ 0.02	
Index Linked Gilt	89.54	95.26	+ 0.15	
Deposit	92.38	98.16	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	172.81	181.91†	+ 1.08	0.47
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	788.94	839.30	+ 7.03	0.11
-do- Accum	895.53	952.68	+ 7.98	0.11
European Inc	216.95	230.25	+ 0.58	0.51
Amalgame Inc	185.54	197.38		..
N America Inc	532.44	565.95	- 3.67	.
Far East Inc	341.28	363.04	- 1.08	0.32
-do- Accum	354.19	376.80	- 1.12	0.32
UK Dvdd Inc	239.91	255.22	+ 1.32	0.75
For John Govett see AIB Govett				
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	732.20	782.20	- 3.00	
Gilt & Fixed	138.10	146.40†	- 0.10	5.10
Growth Equity	508.50	543.20	- 0.20	0.85
Income Trust	179.30	191.50	- 0.30	3.57
International	236.40	252.50†	- 0.80	..
Japan Trust	107.60	114.90	+ 0.30	
Nth American	465.30	497.10	- 3.80	.
Pacific	514.50	549.60	- 4.30	0.19
Guardhill	724.00	773.40†	- 1.60	0.97
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	100.82	104.62†	- 0.01	4.91
Global High Inc	97.97	101.69	- 0.03	5.24
Stlg Bond Pflo	112.41	116.68	+ 0.10	6.48
Csrvl Mgd Pflo	129.64	137.84	- 0.18	4.72
European Pflo	160.22	170.35	+ 0.47	
World Mkts Pflo	85.30	90.70	- 0.10	0.89
UK Eq Inc Pflo	170.16	180.92†	+ 0.72	3.14
-do- Accum	257.72	274.03	+ 1.11	3.14
Recovery	482.70	513.20	+ 2.00	2.88
-do- Accum	580.90	617.60	+ 2.50	2.88
St Wkc High Inc	129.82	141.91†	- 4.05	6.88
UK Emerg Cos	298.40	317.20	+ 0.20	2.88
Inst UK Sm Co	407.20	414.30		3.15
Glob Pdtv Tst	152.88	162.55	- 0.10	0.62
-do- Accum	158.95	169.01	- 0.09	0.62
Inc Share Tst	98.01	104.21†	+ 0.21	8.22
Small Cos	103.70	110.24†	+ 0.10	1.69
HK & China Tst	109.18	116.09	- 0.71	.
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	53.75	57.60†	+ 0.28	2.92
Balanced Acc	69.55	73.75	+ 0.31	2.92
Growth	40.04	42.46†	+ 0.13	1.64
Growth Acc	42.12	44.66	+ 0.13	1.64
Income	37.87	40.15†	+ 0.15	3.77
Income Acc	42.00	44.53	+ 0.18	3.77
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	33.45	36.24	+ 0.09	2.60
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	104.60	108.10†	- 0.20	6.34
Model Pfolio	290.00	304.70		1.60
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pref Acc	51.03	54.14	+ 0.32	2.81
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	396.20	422.85†	+ 1.31	0.61
Best of British	87.21	92.69	+ 0.58	2.15
UK Smaller Cos	159.39	171.34†	+ 0.35	1.09
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	370.33	394.38	- 1.59	2.94
-do- Accum #	1076.50	1146.42	- 4.60	2.94
High Income	402.00	427.73	- 1.00	3.77
Extra Income #	332.64	353.75†	- 0.69	5.94
Pref & Bond	53.47	56.25	+ 0.32	8.00
International				
Ethical	137.09	145.61†	+ 0.28	1.43
International	374.69	397.74	+ 0.49	
Global Bond	54.65	57.53†	- 0.07	5.32
Intl Port Tst	111.61	119.36	+ 0.97	0.11
Global Tech	288.77	307.62	+ 0.63	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	186.61	199.55	- 0.95	0.56
European	797.87	845.25	+ 2.38	0.09
European Income	110.85	117.56†	+ 0.70	3.60
Euro Smlr Cos	229.12	244.96	+ 0.54	0.36
European Value	115.70	123.42	+ 0.27	
-do- Accum	124.95	133.29	+ 0.29	
Japan Trust	166.04	176.69	- 0.61	
Japan Smlr Cos	144.75	153.92	- 0.95	
Pacific Smlr Cos	218.68	232.98	- 1.35	
North American	418.68	443.91	- 2.83	
American Smaller	229.54	243.79	- 0.66	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	179.40	188.90†	+ 0.60	2.84
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	151.54	158.68	- 0.35	1.45
Capital	235.96	247.07†	+ 0.36	1.13
Dollar	642.02	672.29	- 2.05	
Enterprise Gth	482.99	505.75†	+ 1.47	0.64
European	348.56	364.99	- 0.05	
Far East	276.75	289.79	- 3.35	0.95
Financial	1363.35	1427.60†	+ 3.09	1.23
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.19	29.32	+ 0.04	6.31
High Yield #	135.10	141.47	- 0.35	4.16
Income & Growth #	202.04	211.56	+ 0.51	3.14
International	338.15	354.09	- 0.05	0.33
Japanese General	169.19	177.17	- 0.01	
Japan Tech	78.94	82.66	- 0.12	
Nat Resources	73.26	76.71	- 0.97	0.51
Portfolio	95.91	100.43	+ 0.15	1.74
Special Sits	235.42	246.52†	+ 0.64	0.18
UK Emerging Cos	131.24	137.42†	+ 0.17	1.15
US Smaller Cos	200.44	209.89	- 0.26	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	783.00	825.68	- 3.00	4.55
UK Growth	839.80	896.30	- 2.30	1.61
High Income #	138.93	147.70†	- 0.60	5.39
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	810.10	855.80	- 4.30	
European Gwth	196.90	209.20	+ 0.70	0.02
Japan Gwth	248.80	264.40	- 1.90	.
Japan Smllr Cos	23.69	25.28	- 0.31	
Asian	56.20	59.98	- 0.61	0.19
Sing & Malay Gwth	62.87	67.10	- 1.32	
Hong Kong Gwth	237.60	253.50	- 4.00	0.13
Global Bond	21.54	22.69	- 0.03	4.50
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	206.00	227.90	- 0.70	2.78
Tride Index	137.50	141.10†	+ 0.50	2.53
THE FOOTSIE FUND	83.66	84.09	+ 0.29	2.35
Index Funds-International				
American Index	386.10	388.00	- 2.83	0.59
Eurotrack 100	252.50	253.80	- 0.50	0.97
Japan Index	62.12	62.43	+ 0.09	0.17
Tiger Index	143.80	147.10†	- 1.70	0.75
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.23	54.59†	+ 0.13	1.66
General Funds				
Managed Dist	100.60	105.10	+ 0.20	1.04
Managed	104.30	108.90	+ 0.10	1.04
Pepert Child Fnd	131.40	136.30	+ 0.20	1.45
UK Growth	85.08	88.86	+ 0.35	1.33
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	102.40	108.90	+ 0.20	5.14
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.20	29.13†	+ 0.01	7.41
UK Inc & Gwth	58.96	61.58	+ 0.24	2.42
UK Income #	450.00	470.00	+ 1.10	3.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	82.36	85.22†	- 0.18	
Amer Smlr Cos	208.90	217.30	- 0.56	
-do- Accum	211.10	219.60	- 0.60	
Europe Gth	294.30	306.40†	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	304.90	317.30†	+ 0.60	.
Euro Smaller Cos	52.64	54.80	+ 0.07	
French Growth	115.10	119.40		0.08
-do- Accum	124.60	129.30		0.06
H Kong & China	157.40	164.00	- 2.80	0.20
Intl Growth	79.88	83.20	- 0.01	0.40
-do- Accum	81.39	84.77	- 0.01	0.40
Japan Gth	24.22	25.24	+ 0.11	
-do- Accum	24.22	25.24	+ 0.11	
Japan Smaller Cos	24.11	25.18†	- 0.49	
Glob Emg Mkts	109.00	113.80	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	109.80	114.70		
SE Asia	326.20	340.70	- 3.60	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.76	52.35†	- 0.13	6.23
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
UK Income #	131.50	139.20	+ 0.10	2.93
UK Growth	136.20	144.10	+ 0.20	1.46
Euro Growth	118.50	124.20	- 0.50	1.80
Slater Gwth	213.00	227.20	+ 1.10	0.88
New Japan	65.73	69.39	- 0.61	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	221.40	235.50	- 0.50	
Income #	258.11	274.58	+ 0.67	3.78
UK Growth	96.84	103.07	+ 0.39	1.80
Intl Growth	99.09	105.41	- 0.06	0.53
Ecology	114.89	122.22	+ 1.11	0.72
European	249.79	265.73	+ 0.85	0.19
Far Eastern	319.50	339.80	- 0.40	
UK Special Sits	63.17	67.37	+ 0.47	0.36
Fd of Inv Tsts	60.92	64.98	+ 0.62	0.52
High Income #	58.65	63.62	+ 0.19	4.40
Financial Opps	49.65	52.98	- 0.05	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.90	109.80†		6.45
Euro Prtr Inc	126.80	134.90	- 0.60	2.75
-do- Accum	127.00	135.10	- 0.60	2.75
Gilt Yield	124.90	131.70†	+ 0.40	6.43
Global Income	265.90	282.90†	- 1.60	2.83
High Yield	196.30	208.80	+ 0.50	4.47
-do- Accum	668.50	711.20	+ 1.90	4.47
Money Market	101.29	101.29†	+ 0.01	6.44
Smllr Cos Div	66.32	70.55†	+ 0.05	3.67
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1143.00	1161.00	+ 10.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	201.30	214.20	- 1.80	
Asian Growth	278.90	298.70	- 3.40	
-do- Accum	327.80	348.70	- 4.00	.
North American	140.90	149.90	- 1.30	
European Special	158.70	168.80	+ 0.10	
European	224.90	239.30	- 0.60	0.54
-do- Accum	298.10	318.20	- 0.80	0.54
Global Eqty Inc	140.30	148.90†		1.53
Japan	348.60	370.80	- 2.10	
Japanese Special	170.00	180.80	- 3.00	
Smaller Cos	156.50	166.50	+ 0.10	0.94
UK Equity Growth	61.55	65.48†	+ 0.04	1.09
UK Index Inc	414.40	416.50	+ 1.20	3.19
Bircham Tst	119.00	127.80†	+ 0.30	1.49
-do- Accum	121.80	130.90†	+ 1.10	1.49
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	369.35	392.93	+ 2.52	4.20
Esk Growth	123.42	131.30		1.14
Inc & Growth	82.10	87.34	+ 0.58	3.42
Smaller Cos	102.34	108.87	+ 0.48	1.16
Ever Spec Sit Inc	62.69	66.69	+ 0.29	1.73
Ever Spec Sit Acc	65.78	69.98	+ 0.30	1.73
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	556.60	590.60†	+ 2.10	1.48
UK Inc/Gth #	589.30	625.20†	+ 1.80	3.07
UK Income #	414.40	439.70†	+ 1.80	3.90
UK Sm Cos	315.10	337.00†	+ 1.00	1.75
Euro Gwth	196.50	208.50	+ 0.30	0.14
N Amer Gwth	158.80	168.40	- 0.40	
Pacific Growth	10.41	11.04	- 0.13	0.43
Emg Mkts Gwth	89.95	95.44	+ 0.19	..
Japan Growth	50.25	53.31	+ 0.34	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	81.43	86.11†	+ 0.89	0.61
Gwth Port Acc	83.18	87.96†	+ 0.91	0.61
Inc Port Inc	73.31	77.37	+ 1.03	3.52
Inc Port Acc	84.05	88.71	+ 1.18	3.42
Wwide Port	66.54	70.37	+ 0.33	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist @	718.50	718.50	+ 2.80	2.05
-do- Accum @	1520.00	1520.00	+ 5.00	2.05
Equity Income #	130.70	120.70†	+ 0.60	4.48
UK Tactical Allocn @	83.46	83.46†	+ 0.26	5.07
European @	182.40	182.40†	+ 0.20	0.15
Far Eastern @	213.80	213.80†	- 1.80	
Fixed Interest @	57.79	57.79†	+ 0.12	6.63
Gilt @	97.52	97.52	+ 0.01	6.04
Global Growth @	89.90	89.90	- 0.20	
Intl Bond @	49.95	49.95†	- 0.12	5.33
Japanese @	62.04	62.04	+ 0.12	.
North American @	289.30	289.30	- 1.60	
Pacific Growth @	117.40	117.40	- 1.10	0.34
Pacific Index @	44.83	44.83	- 0.36	2.21
UK Index @	94.75	94.75	+ 0.35	2.59
UK Recovery @	134.00	134.00	+ 0.60	1.49
UK Smaller Cos @	172.20	172.30†	+ 0.60	1.12
US Index @	113.40	113.40	- 0.70	0.75
European Index @	115.40	115.40†	+ 0.20	1.05
Japan Index @	32.01	32.01	+ 0.06	
Worldwide @	113.60	113.60	+ 0.10	0.98
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	68.58	73.34	+ 0.19	1.99
Income	80.22	85.79	+ 0.13	3.67
Far East	42.46	45.41	- 0.26	
North American	171.80	183.10	- 0.40	
Global	101.90	108.90	- 0.20	0.29
European	127.80	136.40	+ 0.70	0.59
Japan	77.92	83.01†	- 0.20	
Intl Currency Bd	58.12	61.56	- 0.13	5.21
SE Asia	89.32	95.52	- 0.69	0.45
UK Cap Growth	124.00	132.60	+ 0.40	1.25
Recovery Trust	101.60	108.60	- 0.50	1.86
Managed	80.15	85.72†	+ 0.03	1.52
Cash	51.34	51.34		6.43
LLOYDS Bk UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk, 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	491.00	522.40	- 6.10	1.83
-do- Accum	1186.00	1262.00	- 13.00	1.83
Conti Euro Gth	99.41	104.70	- 0.40	0.03
-do- Accum	102.70	113.40	- 0.40	0.03
Extra Inc #	345.30	367.40	- 0.30	3.48
Extra Inc Acc #	979.10	1042.00	- 1.00	3.48
FTSE 100 Inc	153.90	163.80†	- 0.20	2.01
FTSE 100 Acc	164.00	174.50	- 0.20	2.01
German Gth	173.30	182.50	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	181.60	191.40	- 1.00	
Growth Port	762.90	811.70†	- 0.50	0.14
-do- Accum	795.10	845.90	- 0.50	0.14
High Interest Inc	107.20	111.20†		6.79
High Interest Acc	120.60	125.00		6.79
Hi Reserve Inc #	120.70	128.50†	- 0.10	5.50
Hi Reserve Acc #	137.90	146.80		5.50
Income Inc #	682.30	725.90	- 8.30	3.06
Income Acc #	1980.00	2107.00	- 23.00	3.06
Income Port	660.40	702.60	- 4.60	3.90
-do- Accum	766.60	815.60	- 5.40	3.90
Japan Growth	86.31	91.93	+ 0.03	
-do- Accum	86.71	92.25	+ 0.02	
Master Trust	76.74	81.64	- 0.09	1.10
-do- Accum	90.16	95.92	- 0.11	1.10
Millennium Acc	112.40	119.60		2.04
N American Gen	319.40	339.80	- 2.20	.
-do- Accum	369.70	393.30	- 2.60	
NAm Sm Co Rec	243.00	258.60	- 2.80	
-do- Accum	248.00	263.90	- 2.90	
Pacific Basin	228.80	243.60	- 3.20	0.63
-do- Accum	235.60	250.50	- 3.40	0.63
Safety First Acc	109.70	115.50	- 0.10	1.70
Do until 13/5/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	532.70	560.30	- 14.50	2.00
-do- Accum	740.90	779.90	- 20.30	2.00
UK Eq Gth	198.30	211.00†		2.15
UK Eq Inc #	161.00	171.30	- 0.10	3.59
UK Growth	127.50	135.70	- 0.10	1.52
-do- Accum	162.90	173.30		1.52
Worldwide Gth	411.00	437.30	- 1.40	0.35
-do- Accum	608.10	647.00	- 1.90	0.35
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	116.49	124.56	- 1.22	0.30
General	130.69	140.22	+ 0.12	2.20
Income	86.51	92.82†	+ 0.02	4.50
International	83.17	89.23	- 0.37	0.30
Japan	49.14	52.58†	- 0.35	
Tst of Inv Trusts	86.24	92.53	+ 0.04	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	671.30	708.60†	- 1.50	0.19
-do- Accum	841.70	888.50†	- 1.90	0.19
Amer Recovery	877.40	927.90	+ 3.70	0.09
-do- Accum	1014.70	1073.10	+ 4.30	0.09
Amer Smllr Cos	201.20	212.80	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	205.50	217.40	- 1.10	
Australasian	220.20	232.90†	- 0.70	2.17
-do- Accum	281.70	298.00†	- 0.80	2.17
Capital	1064.30	1125.50†	+ 8.80	2.71
-do- Accum	1302.30	1377.20†	+ 10.70	2.71
Charifund	912.40	925.60	+ 4.50	5.19
-do- Accum	4948.10	4995.60	+ 24.70	5.19
Commodity	454.60	480.70†	- 1.40	0.60
-do- Accum	673.80	712.30†	- 2.10	0.60
Compound Grth	1290.20	1364.40	+ 6.60	2.53
-do- Accum	1442.80	1525.60	+ 7.30	2.53
Corporate Bond	28.01	29.10†	+ 0.12	6.70
Dividend	51.90	54.90	+ 0.30	4.33
-do- Accum	239.20	253.20	+ 1.60	4.33
Equity Income	357.50	378.10†	+ 1.40	5.26
-do- Accum	518.10	547.50†	+ 2.00	5.26
Euro & General	775.70	820.30	- 0.30	0.52
-do- Accum	1001.20	1058.80	+ 0.40	0.52
Euro Dividend	95.00	100.50	+ 0.20	3.29
-do- Accum	124.50	131.70	+ 0.30	3.29
Euro Smlr Cos	59.70	63.10	- 0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	59.90	63.40	- 0.30	0.50
Extra Yield	536.20	567.00†	+ 3.30	4.88
-do- Accum	1890.70	1998.50†	+ 11.50	4.88
Fund of Inv Tsts	776.80	821.30	+ 1.40	1.36
-do- Accum	1515.10	1602.30	+ 2.60	1.36
General	84.10	88.90	+ 0.70	3.32
-do- Accum	255.70	270.30	+ 2.10	3.32
Gilt Income	57.92	57.13†	+ 0.38	6.30
-do- Accum	214.60	214.94†	+ 0.88	6.30
Gold	52.40	55.40	- 0.40	0.99
-do- Accum	63.20	66.80	- 0.50	0.99
High Income	39.20	41.50	+ 0.30	4.26
-do- Accum	174.50	184.50	+ 1.20	4.26
Intl Growth	97.10	102.70†		0.64
-do- Accum	172.90	183.00†		0.64
International Inc	130.80	138.30	+ 0.10	3.82
-do- Accum	212.70	224.90	+ 0.20	3.82
Japan & Gen	30.50	32.30	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	32.80	34.60	- 0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	105.20	111.20	- 1.20	.
-do- Accum	105.90	111.90	- 1.30	
Managed Gwth	29.80	31.40	+ 0.10	1.44
Managed Income	33.90	35.80†	+ 0.10	4.04
Midland	63.20	66.80	+ 0.40	3.07
-do- Accum	225.00	237.90	+ 1.50	3.07
Pension Ex	1266.30	1298.00	+ 8.90	3.54
Recovery	53.70	56.80	+ 0.40	2.72
-do- Accum	94.60	100.10	+ 0.70	2.72
Second General	83.10	87.90	+ 0.40	3.82
-do- Accum	233.00	246.40	+ 1.30	3.82
Smaller Cos	65.60	69.40†	+ 0.20	3.11
-do- Accum	139.50	147.60†	+ 0.50	3.11
Sth East Asia	359.60	380.30†	- 4.80	1.39
-do- Accum	486.50	514.60†	- 6.50	1.39
Treasury	25.17	25.23†	+ 0.01	6.61
Trustee	50.80	53.70	+ 0.30	4.66
-do- Accum	225.40	238.40	+ 1.40	4.66
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	132.55	141.01	+ 0.50	0.56
Intl Bond	63.50	66.71	- 0.32	3.51
Intl Equity Growth	99.31	105.42	+ 0.08	0.50
N Amer Growth	175.01	185.54†	- 1.78	0.58
Special Sits Growth	33.37	35.49†	+ 0.02	2.10
UK Growth	559.02	594.70	+ 0.11	2.39
-do- Accum	779.78	829.55	+ 0.15	2.39
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1545.00	1587.00		2.70
Income #	1145.90	1163.60		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.10	189.40		3.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	102.50	105.60†	+ 0.10	6.12
Investment Pflo	207.50	213.90	+ 0.10	2.06
-do- Accum	251.40	259.20	+ 0.10	2.06
UK Select Pflo	191.60	197.80	+ 0.60	2.07
-do- Accum	235.80	243.10	+ 0.70	2.07
UK 100 Cos	148.60	148.60†	+ 0.40	2.23
-do- Accum	154.60	154.60†	+ 0.40	2.23
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	77.49	82.44		3.82
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	99.48	105.60†	.	3.36
European	126.60	134.40	- 0.30	0.33
Income #	99.52	105.60†	- 0.10	4.17
Nth American	130.10	138.10	- 1.20	0.08
Far East	179.50	190.60	- 1.90	
Japan	59.67	63.34	- 0.52	
Emgng Mkts	103.00	110.20	+ 0.50	0.42
Intl Growth	158.90	168.70	- 0.20	0.39
UK Growth	145.20	154.10	+ 0.30	2.45
UK Smlr Co	65.71	68.76	+ 0.09	1.83
Asia Pacific	37.48	40.09	- 0.36	0.72
Glob Gwth PEP	76.78	81.50	+ 0.06	0.56
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	115.50	122.90	+ 0.30	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	563.60	599.67†	+ 1.34	3.11
Global Inc	89.06	94.74†	+ 0.15	2.63
Brit Leaders Inc	445.35	473.78†	+ 1.51	1.75
Intl Leaders	292.20	310.85†	- 0.17	0.87
PAM Mg Bal Grth	77.23	80.41†	+ 0.59	0.33
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	358.30	378.80	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	384.20	404.80	- 0.60	.
American Opps	148.60	157.50	- 0.40	..
-do- Accum	150.40	159.30	- 0.60	
British Blue Chip	120.10	127.50	- 0.20	2.36
-do- Accum	156.50	166.30	- 0.30	2.36
Cash	100.90	100.90		6.60
-do- Accum *	154.90	154.90	+ 0.100	6.60
Emerging Mkts	163.00	175.30	+ 0.500	0.17
-do- Accum	165.40	177.80	+ 0.600	0.17
European Growth	413.90	438.10†	+ 0.800	0.43
-do- Accum	451.90	478.20†	+ 0.900	0.43
European Income	103.30	109.40	- 0.40	3.70
-do- Accum	155.70	164.80	- 0.50	3.70
General	700.30	744.30†	- 0.60	2.12
-do- Accum	1461.00	1552.00†	- 2.00	2.12
Global Bond	129.00	135.50†	- 0.40	4.14
-do- Accum	179.40	188.50†	- 0.60	4.14
Gold & General	151.90	162.90	- 1.90	0.45
-do- Accum	157.20	168.60	- 1.90	0.45
Govt Securities	99.54	102.60	- 0.10	5.48
-do- Accum	219.00	225.80	- 0.10	5.48
High Yield Bd	107.20	109.90†		6.38
-do- Accum	120.20	123.20†		6.38
Income	230.90	245.30†	- 0.40	3.67
-do- Accum	396.60	421.40†	- 0.50	3.67
Inc Portfolio #	127.20	134.80	- 0.10	4.75
-do- Accum #	143.60	152.10	- 0.20	4.75
Intl Opps	656.10	699.70	- 0.10	0.71
-do- Accum	891.50	950.70	- 0.10	0.71
Japan	162.80	173.60	+ 0.300	
-do- Accum	167.20	178.20	+ 0.300	
New Europe	287.70	306.90	+ 2.800	0.91
-do- Accum	302.00	322.10	+ 3.000	0.91
Pacific	100.00	106.70	- 0.70	0.20
-do- Accum	107.90	115.10	- 0.70	0.20
Recovery	542.40	578.60	+ 2.000	1.57
-do- Accum	722.30	770.40	+ 2.600	1.57
UK Smaller Cos	65.47	69.83†	- 0.03	1.45
-do- Accum	76.67	81.78†	- 0.02	1.45
Portfolio	108.30	114.90	- 0.10	2.55
-do- Accum	135.50	143.70	- 0.10	2.55
Managed Gth	140.90	147.20		1.72
Managed Inc	137.10	142.40	0.20	3.79
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	194.17	206.56	+ 9.80	0.11
Portfolio	93.86	99.85	+ 0.07	1.20
UK Income Inc	111.37	118.48†	+ 0.05	3.99
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	79.30	83.04	+ 0.14	2.50
-do- Accum	88.75	92.93	+ 0.16	2.50
British Tst	132.90	139.20	+ 0.50	1.87
-do- Accum	162.50	170.20	+ 0.60	1.87
Corp Bond Inc	104.20	108.00		6.39
-do- Accum	112.40	116.50		6.39
Extra High Inc	82.73	86.63	+ 0.33	5.98
-do- Accum #	185.90	194.70	+ 0.80	5.98
FTSE 100 Acc	90.53	94.80	+ 0.33	1.91
FTSE 100 Dist	83.31	87.24	+ 0.30	1.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.43	60.79†	- 0.04	6.07
-do- Accum	196.20	204.10†	- 0.10	6.07
High Yield	284.80	298.20	+ 1.20	5.48
-do- Accum #	816.90	855.40	+ 3.60	5.48
Household Names	115.10	115.70†	+ 0.30	1.25
Income	394.10	412.70	- 4.80	3.63
-do- Accum #	958.80	1004	+ 12.00	3.63
Money Market UT	49.55	49.56		5.90
-do- Accum	86.76	86.78		5.93
Monthly Income	112.70	118.00†	+ 0.40	3.84
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	169.40	180.20	+ 0.50	1.83
European Growth	173.80	184.20	+ 2.30	
Gilt & Fixed	110.70	117.40	- 0.10	5.98
Income	130.70	139.00	+ 0.50	3.72
Japan Growth	40.80	42.40	- 0.71	
Managed	97.52	103.80	+ 0.90	2.31
Money Market	100.20	106.30		5.14
North American	144.80	153.50	+ 5.50	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	153.60	163.40	+ 0.50	1.83
European Growth	163.00	172.80	+ 2.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	103.50	109.70	- 0.10	6.60
Income	127.90	136.18	+ 1.50	3.72
Japan Growth	39.92	42.31		0.71
Managed	93.16	99.11	+ 0.15	2.31
Money Market	92.36	97.92	+ 0.01	5.14
North American	129.60	137.40	+ 4.80	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	152.20	161.90	+ 0.50	1.83
European Growth	159.30	168.90	+ 2.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	93.10	98.74	- 0.05	6.00
Income	124.30	132.29	+ 0.60	3.72
Japan Growth	40.96	43.42	- 0.73	
Managed	95.97	102.10	+ 0.10	2.31
Money Market	83.55	88.58		5.15
North American	145.10	153.80	+ 5.50	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	601.80	637.70	- 4.20	
European Gth Inc	665.50	707.40	+ 3.80	
-do- Accum	672.80	715.10	- 3.80	
Intl Gwth	276.20	292.40	- 0.60	
UK Equity Inc	262.80	279.20	+ 1.10	3.68
Do Accum	363.90	386.70	+ 1.40	3.68
UK Growth Inc	151.90	162.40†	+ 0.70	2.95
-do- Accum	158.10	169.10†	+ 0.70	2.95
UK Ind Trckr Inc	236.40	252.30†	+ 0.80	2.64
-do- Accum	298.90	319.00†	+ 0.90	2.64
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	373.20	394.40†	- 2.50	0.86
Japan Tracker	57.78	60.96	- 0.07	
Asian Tracker	209.20	225.80	- 2.20	0.31
Mngd Ptflo Inc	215.80	229.70	+ 0.60	1.53
Mngd Ptflo Acc	238.90	254.20	+ 0.60	1.53
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09†	+ 0.01	6.56
Europa	280.50	299.90†	+ 2.00	
Genesis	227.10	241.30	+ 0.70	2.34
High Income	21.55	22.84	+ 0.03	10.00
Japan Growth	88.15	93.55†	+ 0.31	

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American Growth	90.90	92.91†		
Equity Income #	125.80	129.00†	+ 0.40	3.76
European	101.60	103.50†		
Smaller Cos	98.34	102.70	- 0.20	1.65
W'wide Eqty	91.42	93.37†	- 0.09	
Global Bond	42.40	42.84†	- 0.09	4.84
UK Growth	131.10	135.20	+ 0.30	1.16
Pacific Growth	112.60	115.60	- 0.70	1.27
Japan Growth	87.89	89.52	- 0.27	
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Avon Equity	183.45	195.16	+ 0.53	1.83
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0171 623 4200				
American Dist	158.90	167.30	- 0.70	
European Dist	188.30	198.20	- 0.10	0.30
Far East Dist	165.60	174.30†	- 0.50	
Global Care Dist	99.96	105.22	+ 0.02	0.53
Oseas Dist	1229.30	1294.00†	- 5.10	
-do- Accum	1602.30	1686.60	- 6.70	
UK Dist	524.80	552.40	+ 2.70	1.50
-do- Accum	1085.80	1142.90	+ 5.50	1.50
UK Extra Inc Dist	107.30	112.90†	+ 0.50	3.17
Wwide Dist	131.50	138.40	- 0.20	
Wwide Inc Dist	101.20	106.50	+ 0.10	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 288				
Europe Inc	98.23	104.80	+ 0.10	0.30
Fund of Funds Inc	79.29	83.68	+ 0.08	1.20
North America Inc	85.09	89.80	- 0.59	0.10
UK Equity Gth Inc	81.21	85.71	+ 0.42	1.87
-do- Accum	89.09	94.03	+ 0.47	1.87
UK General Inc	79.16	83.55	+ 0.24	1.93
-do- Accum	88.71	93.63	+ 0.26	1.93
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.87	52.51	- 0.03	5.98
UK Income Inc	78.78	83.14†	+ 0.47	2.89
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.80	132.80	+ 0.30	1.11
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	66.64	70.89	- 0.41	
-do- Accum	67.16	71.44	- 0.42	
Bond	134.66	142.91	- 0.02	4.68
Cash Income	50.92	50.92	+ 0.01	6.33
-do- Accum	72.09	72.09	+ 0.01	6.33
Challenger	94.55	97.53	- 0.07	0.91
Distribution	122.43	130.24†	+ 0.32	2.55
European	74.53	79.28	+ 0.14	
Foundation	125.53	133.54†	- 1.19	1.68
General Inc	269.19	286.37	- 0.23	1.01
General Acc	274.93	292.47	- 0.24	1.01
Growth Inc	164.64	175.14	- 1.78	1.72
Growth Acc	170.77	181.67	- 1.82	1.72
Higher Income Inc	39.17	41.66†	+ 0.10	5.38
-do- Accum	49.66	52.82†	+ 0.13	5.38
Income	322.86	343.46	+ 0.46	3.53
Intrepid	170.79	177.80		1.04
Intl Gwth	46.57	49.54	- 0.11	.
Japan	26.83	28.54†	- 0.19	.
Oriental Inc	144.99	154.24†	- 0.66	0.33
-do- Accum	150.35	159.94†	- 0.68	0.33
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	55.43	58.66	- 0.02	5.65
UK Growth	134.20	142.00		2.52
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	159.60	168.00†	+ 0.24	0.71
UK Equity	204.20	214.95†	+ 0.57	2.47
UK Equity Income	183.37	193.02	+ 0.73	3.16
UK Smaller Cos	155.51	163.69	+ 0.37	1.29
UK Equity Growth	172.25	181.32†	+ 0.63	1.25
UK Index Trckg	205.84	217.25†	+ 1.24	2.37
Intl Index Trckg	202.49	213.71†	- 0.56	0.62
International	320.05	336.89	+ 0.08	0.68
European	322.17	339.13†	+ 0.55	
Pan European	216.10	227.47	+ 0.70	0.85
Nth American	310.47	326.61	- 0.72	0.19
N Amer Smlr Cos	344.09	362.20	+ 0.59	
Japanese	81.44	85.73	- 0.36	
Pacific	215.28	226.61	- 1.22	0.95
South East Asian	246.82	259.81	- 2.30	0.72
Sterling Bond	107.52	113.18	+ 0.15	6.30
Intl Bond	128.04	134.78	- 0.30	3.85
Gilt & Convertible	116.56	122.70	+ 0.22	5.79
Property	89.44	94.15	+ 0.03	5.39
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 868				
European Inc	454.20	487.60	+ 4.70	0.20
-do- Accum	483.80	519.30	+ 5.10	0.20
Japan Inc	89.40	94.70	+ 0.26	
Nth American Inc	204.30	216.00†	- 1.70	0.07
Worldwide Inc	216.20	229.70†	- 0.90	0.08
Hong Kong Inc	235.80	252.40†	- 2.60	0.40
Swiss Equities Inc	116.10	123.90	+ 0.60	
Wwide Bond Inc	68.62	72.61†	+ 0.12	4.54
Emgng Asa Inc	177.90	191.40	- 1.70	
-do- Accum	178.60	192.10	- 1.80	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.33	50.33†	+ 0.01	5.74
Thailand Inc	53.18	58.04	+ 0.52	2.50
New Zealand Inc	104.80	112.40		1.88
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	86.66	92.65	+ 0.23	0.42
Latin Am Cap Inc	91.28	98.73	+ 1.15	0.40
UK All Sh Mgr Inc	86.06	87.44	+ 0.30	2.04
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	92.17	98.05	- 1.24	
Global Portfolio	81.28	86.93	- 0.67	
Way Global Red	72.45	77.07	- 0.84	
Marsh Global Grth	67.92	72.03	- 0.85	
AMR Bnl Gwth Inc	128.60	137.70	+ 0.30	0.70
Temple Equity Inc	53.09	57.70	- 0.03	1.59
Hartley Growth	139.80	148.70	+ 0.30	0.67
Ind Growth Inc	87.91	94.02†	+ 0.44	
IPS Portfolio Inc	108.70	114.50	- 8.80	
Roxburgh Strat Gth	83.33	89.02	+ 0.20	0.16
UFC Growth	74.05	79.20	+ 0.70	0.60
Chartfield Port of Fds	59.66	63.30	+ 0.83	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	271.70	289.00	+ 0.80	0.81
European Gth	169.10	179.30	+ 0.20	0.23
Income & Gth #	185.00	196.80†	- 0.50	2.69
Japan Gth	93.03	98.93	- 1.01	
Nth Amer Gth	297.60	315.50	- 2.50	0.08
Overseas Gth	144.20	153.10	- 0.90	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	339.00	360.60	- 0.60	1.73
-do- Accum	757.30	805.60	- 1.50	1.73
Growth	217.00	228.40	- 0.20	2.14
Income	327.10	348.00	- 0.20	3.16
Intl Equity	320.80	341.30†	- 0.40	0.11
-do- Accum	360.30	383.30	- 0.40	0.11
Equity Income #	87.15	92.70	- 0.07	4.63
Equity Growth	114.20	121.40	- 0.20	1.33
New Europe	132.10	140.40	+ 0.10	.
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	827.52	883.68	- 1.03	0.21
-do- Accum	832.66	889.17	+ 1.03	0.21
Income	552.03	590.41	+ 4.64	2.66
Wwide Recovery	544.78	582.42	+ 0.46	0.16
Amer Growth Inc	377.23	401.02	- 2.67	0.01
-do- Accum	377.23	401.02	2.67	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	321.38	343.73	- 0.78	0.03
Far Estn Gth Inc	296.68	317.31	- 7.97	0.55
-do- Accum	300.38	321.27	- 8.07	0.55
Euro Gwth Inc	240.15	256.02	- 0.40	0.01
-do- Accum	240.98	256.90	+ 0.40	0.01
UK Growth Inc	139.90	149.62	+ 1.28	2.35
-do- Accum	153.76	164.45	+ 1.41	2.35
High Income	142.03	151.91	+ 1.36	3.24
Jap Gwth Inc	158.88	169.93	- 3.67	0.01
-do- Accum	158.88	169.93	- 3.67	0.01
PEP Bond	62.83	65.49		6.67
PEP Growth	175.94	187.93	0.06	0.53
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	132.07	141.26	- 2.06	0.16
-do- Accum	132.49	141.71	- 2.08	0.16
Amer Smlr Co Inc	248.95	264.95	- 1.34	0.01
-do- Accum	248.95	264.95	- 1.34	0.01
Global Bond	55.48	58.47†	- 0.32	4.89
UK Smaller Cos Inc	113.21	121.09	+ 0.02	1.92
-do- Accum	122.63	131.16	+ 0.03	1.92
Lat Am Gwth Inc	46.32	49.53	+ 0.48	0.01
-do- Accum	47.06	50.33	+ 0.41	0.01
World Inc PEP #	50.96	53.93†	- 0.10	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	175.11	186.29	+ 2.01	
European	121.88	129.66†	+ 1.70	
Global	74.43	79.18	+ 0.08	
Pacific	56.29	59.60	- 0.43	
UK Inc & Gth	93.05	98.99†	+ 1.19	1.37
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890				
Asia	55.80	58.98	- 0.27	
Emerg Mkts	54.78	58.12†	- 0.22	0.78
Euro Fund	51.82	54.98	+ 0.68	
Fund of Funds	225.04	239.50	+ 1.31	0.03
High Income #	59.24	62.36†	+ 0.49	5.61
Performance	56.14	59.56	+ 0.44	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	243.70	260.00	- 1.80	0.49
Dividend	117.50	125.70†	0.20	3.58
Intl Gth & Inc	283.50	302.00	- 1.30	1.31
Oil & Gas	57.20	61.18†	+ 0.08	1.11
Fund of Funds	85.22	91.14†	+ 0.98	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	198.23	206.07	+ 1.10	2.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	158.60	168.50	- 0.20	1.96
Conv & Gilt	128.30	136.50	- 0.10	4.12
Euro Spc Sit Acc	123.00	130.90	+ 0.40	
Extra Income	211.70	225.30†	+ 0.90	4.07
-do- Accum	288.10	306.50	+ 1.10	4.07
Far East	382.20	406.50	- 2.50	0.53
-do- Accum	391.00	416.00	- 2.50	0.53
Global Income	30.77	32.65†		4.21
High Income	163.50	173.90	+ 0.60	3.89
-do- Accum	213.90	227.50	+ 0.70	3.89
International	251.20	267.20	- 0.40	0.31
-do- Accum	261.60	278.30	- 0.50	0.31
Pref & Fxd Int	49.81	52.89†	+ 0.08	6.19
Recovery	100.40	106.80	+ 0.20	2.43
Special Sits	162.30	172.70		1.66
-do- Accum	182.20	193.90		1.66
Technology	885.00	941.50	- 4.90	
UK Blue Chip	106.50	113.70	+ 0.30	2.68
-do- Accum	128.00	136.20	+ 0.40	2.68
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	49.31	52.56†	+ 0.04	1.66
Cash Haven Inc	101.36	101.86†	+ 0.01	6.07
Cash Haven Acc	123.65	124.29	+ 0.02	6.07
Dist Trust Inc	118.21	122.50	+ 0.33	4.87
Dist Trust Acc	137.61	142.60	- 0.06	4.87
Global Growth	120.58	128.28†	+ 0.14	0.66
Equity Inc	100.55	106.97†	+ 0.08	4.08
Equity	1066.75	1134.84	+ 3.61	1.74
European	347.09	359.88	+ 0.72	0.23
High Income	103.96	110.60†	+ 0.34	4.74
Intl Gwth	247.86	263.68	- 0.37	1.01
Intl Sm Co	104.11	110.76	- 0.24	0.79
Japanese	156.82	162.51†	- 0.49	
Mgd Income Tst #	50.18	51.86†	+ 0.01	7.60
Nth Amer	320.13	331.30	- 2.26	0.81
Pacific Mkts	106.93	110.81†	- 0.71	1.16
Premier Inc	49.96	51.99		6.02
Sm Cos	114.45	121.78	+ 0.21	1.70
Spec Sits	148.18	157.64	+ 0.58	1.68
UK Growth	179.11	190.54†	+ 0.61	1.63
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	96.93	101.92†	+ 2.29	3.46
Investment Trust	131.18	137.94†		0.31
UK Smaller Cos	115.56	121.51	+ 3.75	1.69
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	417.00	442.30	- 0.10	2.14
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	965.83	1021.33	- 4.78	
America (Acc)	1131.66	1196.69	- 5.61	
Amer Smlr Cos	86.12	91.57	- 0.60	.
Asia	48.63	51.94	- 0.30	.
European	507.30	538.80	- 1.54	.
Japan	194.86	207.64	+ 0.25	
Jap Smlr Cos	27.01	28.79	- 0.56	
Major UK Cos	142.66	152.05	+ 0.47	1.11
Smlr UK Cos	458.25	488.01	+ 1.06	1.14
UK Equity Inc #	214.83	228.38	- 0.49	2.56
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.27	53.54	- 0.16	
Cash	48.41	50.41		3.81
Emerging Mkts	57.50	60.06	+ 0.16	
Europe	76.39	80.89	+ 1.22	
Global Fixed Int #	50.66	52.90	+ 0.23	4.23
Japan	35.55	37.12	- 0.32	
North America	88.57	92.50	+ 1.35	.
UK	77.61	81.05	+ 0.47	0.41
UK Equity Inc #	71.87	75.05	+ 0.95	3.36
UK Fixed Int #	53.40	55.76	+ 0.35	6.99
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	59.32	61.47	+ 0.61	
Pep Inc Port #	58.84	60.97	+ 0.67	2.87
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices. 01733 282 828 Gen Enq. 01733 390 000				
United States	171.30	181.60†	- 0.80	0.23
Pacific Basin	76.94	82.34	- 0.60	0.31
High Inc Dist	197.00	209.70†	- 1.10	3.37
Ryl Life Inl Cttry	68.01	71.83†	- 0.01	3.95
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	92.39	98.20	- 0.03	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	81.01	86.18	+ 0.24	
UK Emerging Cos	138.10	149.20	+ 0.30	1.17
UK Index Trckg	243.50	258.50	+ 1.90	3.10
European	221.60	237.30	+ 2.10	0.14
Managed	215.30	231.40	+ 0.90	0.84
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	253.40	268.90	- 2.20	0.99
European Growth	189.30	200.90†	+ 1.50	1.08
Far East Growth	153.10	162.90	- 1.00	0.87
Japan Growth	104.30	110.80	- 1.30	0.52
Special Sits	265.00	281.90†	+ 0.90	1.61
UK Growth	126.30	134.30	+ 0.70	2.55
Intl Growth	336.80	358.40	- 0.10	1.61
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	156.20	165.30	- 1.80	0.38
Gt Euro Prog Inc	535.00	566.10	+ 0.50	0.69
-do- Accum	839.40	888.30	+ 0.70	0.69
Growth Inc	179.90	190.40	+ 0.60	0.18
-do- Accum	185.20	196.00	+ 0.60	0.18
International Inc	479.00	506.90	+ 1.30	0.21
-do- Accum	664.50	703.20	+ 1.80	0.21
Nth Am & Intl Inc	502.90	532.20	- 6.30	
UK Gen Prog Inc	293.20	310.30	+ 1.10	1.65
-do- Accum	339.70	359.50	+ 1.20	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	175.30	185.50	+ 1.00	4.36
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	124.40	132.34	- 1.71	0.75
European Gwth	120.89	128.60	- 0.33	1.00
Global Bd	61.62	65.09†	- 0.04	5.00
Japan	48.06	51.12	+ 0.20	
UK Gwth	102.48	109.02	+ 0.40	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	196.10	208.60	- 0.20	.
Cash	141.40	141.40†		6.47
China Dragon	90.49	96.26	- 1.01	0.32
Commodity	143.00	152.10	- 1.00	
Emerging Mkts	46.32	49.28	+ 0.38	0.37
European Gwth	309.30	329.00	+ 0.10	
Euro Smlr Cos	64.21	68.58	+ 0.09	
Extra Income #	65.71	68.09†	- 0.15	5.14
Far Eastern	94.47	100.50	0.80	
FE Sm Cos	43.14	45.89	- 0.31	0.53
Financial Secs	409.10	435.20	+ 0.40	1.30
Gold & Exploration	58.98	62.74	- 0.72	
Growth	541.80	544.30	- 0.90	1.48
High Income	52.33	52.33†	- 0.01	6.63
Intl Bond	160.70	169.60†	- 0.70	5.07
ITU	270.30	287.60	+ 0.50	0.74
Japan Growth	138.40	146.80†		0.40
Japan Smaller	120.90	128.20	- 2.20	
Korea	37.77	40.18	- 0.23	
Latin America	57.73	61.42	+ 1.12	0.22
Masterfund	74.39	74.76	- 0.03	0.74
Premier Eq Grth	203.60	216.60	+ 0.40	0.73
Premier Eq Inc #	442.40	470.60	+ 0.10	3.98
SE Asia	44.88	47.74	- 0.54	0.01
Southern Africa	57.61	61.29†	- 0.34	1.17
UK & O'seas	239.60	254.90	- 0.60	1.12
UK Eqty Gth	101.30	107.80	+ 0.10	0.83
UK Eqty Inc #	315.40	335.50	- 0.70	3.87
UK Grth & Inc #	368.80	392.30	+ 0.10	2.74
UK Sm Cos	63.59	67.65	+ 0.35	1.03
US Growth	286.50	304.70	- 2.70	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	441.90	468.73	- 3.04	0.58
-do- Accum	490.48	518.05	- 3.36	0.58
European Gwth	115.41	122.31	- 0.37	0.25
Euro Smlr Cos	130.65	138.93	+ 0.16	
-do- Accum	132.54	140.94	+ 0.17	
Far Eastern Gth	105.33	112.35	- 1.12	
-do- Accum	107.37	114.52	- 1.14	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	55.12	58.07†	+ 0.18	7.41
Global Bond #	47.32	48.88	- 0.29	5.99
-do- Accum #	59.24	61.20	- 0.37	5.99
Global Emer Mkts	60.43	64.45	- 0.29	
-do- Accum	60.48	64.51	- 0.29	
Income #	496.74	529.85†	+ 0.69	4.58
-do- Accum #	1749.72	1866.37†	+ 2.41	4.58
Japan Smllr Cos	277.84	296.36	- 4.37	.
-do- Accum	278.40	296.96	- 4.38	
Japan Enterprise	58.83	62.75	- 0.63	
Pacific Gwth	147.65	157.49†	- 1.72	0.30
-do- Accum	153.49	163.72†	- 1.79	0.33
Portfolio	109.91	117.01†	+ 0.07	1.61
-do- Accum	124.22	132.25†	+ 0.09	1.61
Seoul	31.96	34.09	- 0.21	
-do- Accum	31.96	34.09	- 0.21	.
Smaller Cos	358.36	382.25	- 0.30	1.08
-do- Accum	429.21	457.82	- 0.35	1.08
Strategic Inc	114.99	122.57†	+ 0.16	2.52
Strategic Acc	117.91	125.68†	+ 0.15	2.52
Tokyo	118.50	126.40†	- 0.16	
-do- Accum	119.70	127.67†	- 0.17	
UK Enterprise	396.56	422.99	+ 1.07	1.93
-do- Accum	502.11	535.58	+ 1.35	1.93
UK Equity	368.46	393.02	+ 0.88	2.12
-do- Accum	761.38	812.15	+ 1.83	2.12
US Smllr Cos	334.21	356.07	- 3.18	
-do- Accum	334.21	356.07	- 3.18	.
Institutional Funds				
European	375.02	388.66	- 0.48	0.90
-do- Accum	427.38	442.93	- 0.54	0.80
Euro Smllr Cos	42.29	44.05	+ 0.20	0.86
-do- Accum	45.91	47.81	+ 0.22	0.86
Global Equity Inc	107.77	112.19	- 0.27	0.72
Japan Smllr Cos	26.84	27.95	- 0.20	0.13
-do- Accum	27.14	28.27	- 0.21	0.13
Mngd Balanced	254.54	265.14†	+ 0.45	3.58
-do- Accum	306.50	319.27†	+ 0.55	3.58
Overseas Equity	245.68	256.90	- 0.35	0.63
-do- Accum	259.84	270.66	- 0.37	0.63
Oseas Smllr Cos	142.65	148.58†	- 0.40	0.78
-do- Accum	152.09	158.42†	- 0.43	0.78
Pacific	262.53	273.46	- 3.36	1.59
-do- Accum	294.10	306.34	- 3.78	1.59
Recovery	2651.61	2761.98	+ 16.12	3.03
-do- Accum	2995.95	3120.77	+ 18.21	3.03
UK Index	226.63	236.07†	+ 1.30	2.84
-do- Accum	300.52	313.03†	+ 1.72	2.84
UK Small Cos	152.75	159.11†	+ 0.05	2.68
-do- Accum	173.08	180.28†	+ 0.05	2.68
US Smllr Cos	88.05	91.50	- 0.70	0.63
-do- Accum	90.59	94.14	- 0.72	0.63
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	73.35	77.57	+ 0.43	2.25
Equity Trust	94.87	100.32	+ 0.81	2.55
Equity Strategy	101.30	107.12	+ 0.42	1.48
European Opps	134.06	141.77	+ 0.52	0.08
UK Smaller Cos	81.59	86.28	+ 0.06	1.48
Maximum Inc	98.90	101.48	+ 0.02	7.86
Japanese	59.01	62.40	- 0.48	
Asia Pacific	111.37	117.77	- 1.06	0.52
American	180.34	190.71	- 0.85	0.93
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.79	34.79†	+ 0.01	6.72
UK Eq Gwth Inc	73.49	78.36†	+ 0.18	3.00
-do- Accum	102.15	108.92†	+ 0.26	3.00
Intl Income	349.06	371.37	+ 0.31	1.42
-do- Accum	620.24	659.89	+ 0.55	1.42
European	132.07	140.35	+ 0.19	1.35
Japan	55.06	58.32	- 0.06	0.19
America	133.48	140.95†	- 0.77	1.17
Far East Tact	83.75	89.34†	- 0.37	1.38
Ethical Inc	43.84	46.89†	- 0.06	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	49.31	52.60†	+ 0.10	3.38
UK Equity Inc	51.06	54.47	+ 0.16	4.17
UK Global Inc	57.41	61.23†	+ 0.20	1.86
Wwide Tact	99.84	106.22	+ 0.11	1.31
Europe Tactical	94.43	100.68	+ 0.16	0.98
Technology	193.04	204.71	0.95	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	608.40	648.40	+ 1.80	2.48
American	440.70	466.40	- 3.60	0.22
Pacific	374.60	400.60	1.60	0.22
European	805.00	851.00	- 0.10	0.65
Worldwide	107.70	115.20	- 0.30	0.21
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	402.60	428.30	+ 1.80	1.98
-do- Accum	539.40	573.90	+ 2.30	1.98
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	293.00	311.80	+ 0.90	1.52
-do- Accum	364.60	387.90	+ 1.20	1.53
Select Opprty Inc	97.98	104.80	+ 0.46	1.66
Income Plus Inc	101.80	108.40	+ 0.20	2.82
European Inc	565.10	599.80	+ 1.20	0.71
-do- Accum	651.40	691.30	+ 1.50	0.71
Far Eastern Inc	174.50	185.70	- 1.80	0.52
-do- Accum	203.00	216.00	- 2.10	0.57
Japanese Inc	51.70	55.01	+ 0.03	
Nth American Inc	445.70	473.40	- 1.70	0.11
-do- Accum	493.70	524.30	- 1.90	0.11
Intl Growth Inc	259.20	275.80	- 0.40	0.29
Wwide Venture Inc	112.40	119.60	- 0.20	0.32
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	535.70	566.00	+ 4.60	2.11
-do- Accum	829.80	876.70	+ 6.70	2.11
UK High Inc	259.00	273.60	+ 1.40	2.07
-do- Accum	405.50	428.40	+ 2.20	2.07
Europe Inc	612.40	647.00	+ 2.90	0.26
Nth Amer Inc	402.60	425.20	- 1.10	
Global Inc	298.30	315.10	+ 1.50	0.21
Global Acc	323.90	342.20	+ 1.80	0.21
UK Spec Sits Inc	154.90	163.60	+ 1.00	2.11
South East Asia	196.20	207.40	- 2.50	0.41
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40		6.43
UK Smllr Cos Inc	129.10	136.30	+ 0.20	1.91
-do- Accum	138.20	146.00	+ 0.30	1.91
Intl Bond Inc	91.38	95.99	- 0.10	4.52
International Strat	91.57	96.98	+ 0.30	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	201.90	212.50	- 0.10	0.09
Nth American	178.20	187.60	- 1.40	
Intl Bond & Curr	134.20	141.30		5.98
Pooled Pension	273.80	294.40	+ 0.20	1.97
Smaller Cos	126.10	132.70	+ 0.10	1.18
UK General #	199.60	210.10		2.05
Far Eastern	83.65	88.05	- 0.54	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6228				
Continental	113.40	119.70	+ 0.10	0.77
Global Gwth	94.41	99.78	- 0.03	1.02
Inv Tst Port	62.97	65.98		2.26
Managed	1501.41	1570.24	- 0.42	1.53
Pref Inc #	109.30	116.20	+ 0.20	6.29
Smaller Cos	286.20	304.40	+ 0.50	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	106.61		+ 2.30	4.50
Sterling Reserve ‡	102.17			5.00
Corporate Inc ‡	101.29		+ 2.56	5.72
Tai Pan ‡	111.63		- 1.31	
Aztec ‡	95.87		+ 1.46	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	174.08		- 0.69	
European ‡	202.53		0.11	
Global Bund ‡	91.95		+ 0.13	6.74
Samurai ‡	49.89		- 0.84	
UK Growth ‡	125.24		+ 0.50	2.47
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	96.12		0.15	3.32
Investment Tst ‡	127.48		+ 0.06	2.21
The Football Fd ‡	87.61		- 0.04	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	100.54			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	584.00	617.90	+ 7.00	
Capital	165.80	175.50	+ 1.20	1.06
Cash	100.04	100.04†	+ 0.01	6.41
European	198.90	210.30	+ 1.50	0.25
Far Eastern	168.30	178.10†	- 1.30	0.08
Growth	196.98	208.40	- 2.10	1.32
Income #	157.00	166.10†	+ 1.10	4.86
Mngmnt	175.00	185.20	+ 1.20	1.19
Smllr Secs	626.50	663.00	- 1.40	0.12
Thoroughbred	206.00	218.00	+ 1.40	1.21
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Cnrfld Privance	58.97	63.03†		7.00
Ethical	88.50	94.65	+ 0.86	1.16
European Growth	100.50	106.50	- 0.30	
Income	70.89	75.81	+ 0.35	3.38
Intl Growth	129.30	137.00	- 0.30	
Managed	109.60	116.10	+ 0.10	0.17
UK Growth	87.90	94.01†	+ 0.89	1.19
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	53.02	53.29†	+ 0.20	1.30
Global Advtg Acc	58.28	58.58	+ 0.20	1.30
Income Advtg Inc	42.66	42.88†	+ 0.39	3.72
Income Advtg Acc	51.62	51.88	+ 0.30	3.72
UK Equity Gth Acc	118.80	126.00	+ 0.60	1.56
Premier Inc Inc	52.34	53.39†	+ 0.10	6.63
Premier Inc Acc	59.35	60.54	+ 0.10	6.63
Managed Acc	72.91	77.29	+ 0.20	1.79
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	50.08	53.09	+ 0.20	3.93
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	67.87	71.95	+ 0.20	3.93
UK Smlr Cos Acc	51.16	54.23	+ 0.20	0.61
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	97.60	103.70	+ 0.70	1.55
UK Equity Gen Inc	69.31	73.65	+ 0.50	1.55
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.10	36.07		6.15
Oseas Ltg Co Acc	410.30	445.20	- 1.70	1.68
Nth American Acc	76.46	81.24	- 0.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	41.60	44.20	- 0.30	0.89
European Acc	71.43	75.90	+ 0.80	0.26
Japan Acc	23.61	25.09	- 0.30	1.02
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	5.338	5.670		1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.603	4.875†		0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	253.30	269.00†		
FT Europe	193.30	205.30		0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	3.762	3.979†		
FT Japan (yen)	157.20	166.10†		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.695	2.862		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	646.20	683.00	- 3.00	
British #	1489.40	1575.80	+ 7.20	2.72
Emgng Mkts	197.40	209.50	- 0.30	0.44
Euro Gwth Inc	115.90	122.90	+ 0.30	
Euro Small Co	66.69	71.02	+ 0.30	0.18
Japan	109.20	115.80	- 0.10	.
Asia Pacific	448.40	477.50	- 4.30	1.13
-do- Accum	487.90	519.50	- 4.70	1.13
Inv Trust Acc	332.80	352.80		1.01
Mngd Equity	232.70	246.20	+ 0.70	2.34
Mngd Cash	96.38	96.38	+ 0.02	6.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1321.00	1412.00	+ 5.00	1.55
North America	251.10	268.50	- 1.70	
Far East	158.50	169.50	- 1.40	
Wwide Bond	57.57	61.06	- 0.12	4.13
European	186.70	199.60	+ 0.60	0.16
Equity Income #	135.40	144.80	+ 0.30	4.10
Portfolio	134.70	144.00		1.04
UK Leading Cos	102.10	108.90	+ 0.40	1.94
High Inc Bond	51.37	51.45†	- 0.01	6.09
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	85.96	91.96	+ 0.75	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	22.37	23.80	- 0.27	1.06
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	101.87	108.38†	+ 0.15	6.76
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	112.71	119.91	+ 0.17	6.76
European	66.31	70.56	+ 0.02	0.47
High Income	41.85	44.53	- 0.30	3.26
Japan	31.96	34.01	+ 0.04	0.01
Managed Assets	169.46	181.25	+ 0.45	2.16
North American	61.93	65.89	- 0.54	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	37.68	40.09	+ 0.02	2.01
Smlr Co's Acc	41.75	44.42	+ 0.02	2.01
UK Growth Inc	79.39	84.46	+ 1.60	1.83
UK Growth Acc	91.77	97.63	+ 1.85	1.83
Extra Income #	55.26	59.11	+ 0.27	4.06
Worldwide Gth	49.77	53.24	+ 0.13	0.21
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	83.70	87.77	+ 0.57	
UK Income Inc	75.19	79.99	+ 0.17	2.65
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	38.87	41.09	+ 0.03	6.54
Mngd High Yld Inc	107.98	114.85†	+ 0.39	3.75
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	104.37	111.03	+ 0.25	2.45
UK Smaller Cos	43.39	46.16	+ 0.03	2.04
Pacific Grth Port	48.57	51.87	- 0.54	0.65
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	392.95	415.82†	- 1.49	
-do- Accum	432.81	458.00†	- 1.65	.
Brit Growth	149.92	158.64†	+ 1.02	1.40
-do- Accum	190.30	201.38†	+ 2.79	1.40
European	161.09	170.47†		0.02
-do- Accum	172.11	182.12†	- 0.01	0.02
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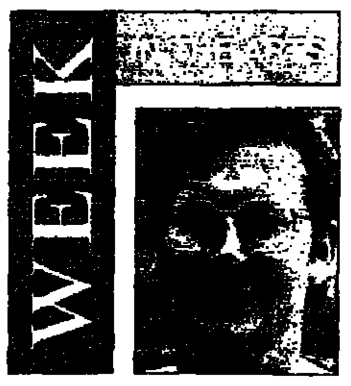
A show of courage on the podium



RICHARD MORRISON

This is becoming a bad month for conductors. Sir Georg Solti died a fortnight ago. Now comes word that Klaus Tennstedt is gravely ill. Tennstedt didn't shake the musical firmament as Solti did. His time at the top was tragically short: his recordings relatively few. But for a glorious spell in the 1980s he gave London the most life-affirming concerts I ever expect to hear.

Both his career and his health were battered by innumerable blows of malign fate. Yet time and again he triumphed over adversity, and all his performances proclaimed the scars of his struggle. That was the essence of their terrible, compelling glory. I doubt whether I shall ever encounter another conductor so capable of embodying both the frailty of man and the greatness of mankind. To journey with Tennstedt through Mahler or Beethoven — the turbulent souls with whom he most closely identified — was to penetrate the heart of darkness, and to emerge as if reborn.

He took amazing risks that often didn't work. He could be infuriatingly negligent about such mundane matters as keeping the orchestra together. And his interpretations were prone to colossal exaggerations of speed and dynamics; Lenny Bernstein was a figure of monastic restraint by comparison. "Neurosis in Disneyland," I whined on these pages in 1986, having staggered away from a Tennstedt performance that distressed my delicate sensibilities. Today I wish that I could eat those words. What would I give, what would *any* music lover give, to have Tennstedt back in the Festival Hall? God knows, there has been nothing like him since.

He told me that the secret of conducting was to reveal "the big line, the line that draws together all the thousands of tiny details". Was he speaking in purely musical terms? I think not. When Elgar was asked what his First Symphony was about, he replied "a man's attitude to life". Tennstedt's "big line" was an attitude to life as well.

It was some life. He could have been a top-class violinist, but a growth between the knuckles of his fingering hand put an end to that, even before he had finished his studies in postwar Leipzig. One dream shattered, he picked himself up, switched to conducting — and promptly sank into 20 years of obscurity in the grey ranks of East Germany's state music system.

Not until he and his wife Inge fled to the West in 1971 did he achieve international fame: a stupendous debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1974 was the turning-point. By then he was nearly 50. If a Tennstedt performance sounded like a man desperately trying to compress a lifetime into a few minutes, that is exactly what it was.

Then followed a decade, no more, of triumph. Fortunately for us, Tennstedt developed a rapport with the London Philharmonic, and became its principal conductor in 1980. He was endearingly bigoted. He dismissed all period-instrument performers as "gangsters". As for 20th-century music, he believed that "Mahler was the last genius". Mahler, of course, died in 1911.

Consequently, Tennstedt's repertoire never grew much. Mahler, Bruckner, Strauss, Brahms and Wagner: they were his meat and drink. But what feasts he made of them. Those who longed to return to the days when conductors flaunted their pride and prejudice flocked to Tennstedt's concerts. Those who didn't (me included) came to scoff and stayed to cheer.

But then disaster struck. Tennstedt smoked. No, that's a small understatement. Ten cigarettes an hour was his going rate. In 1985 throat cancer was diagnosed. Six operations followed. Somehow he found the courage to make extraordinary comebacks. All the fear and despair he felt in those dark days would be poured into Mahler. No wonder his tempos went wild. To say that he conducted each of those concerts as if believing it would be his last is the literal truth.

Ten years ago, on a bright August day, the last act of Tennstedt's tragedy began. It happened in Watford Town Hall, of all incongruous places. He was rehearsing the London Philharmonic for a Prom, when he collapsed.

There had been too many cancellations already that year. Tennstedt loved the LPO as he loved no other orchestra, and (in that professional musicians have favourable feelings for *any* conductor) the LPO loved him. But the music business *is* a business. The show must go on, and an orchestral show needs a conductor fit enough to hold a stick. Tennstedt, acutely aware of all this, resigned within the hour.

It wasn't quite the end of his career. I remember a heaven-storming performance of Mahler's *Resurrection Symphony* in 1989, if only because I was unable to sleep for two days afterwards. But it was a doleful portent of a fading life.

What chiefly endeared Tennstedt to audiences and players alike, I believe, was his humility. He was never arrogant, as conductors customarily are. He never lorded it over orchestras. Significantly, he was the first German ever to be invited to conduct the Israel Philharmonic, and in 1988 that orchestra planted 36 trees in his honour — a Hebrew custom wishing the donor a long life.

Perhaps the trees have had some effect. But now it seems that, as in Mahler's Sixth Symphony, the hammerblows of fate have finally exhausted even this resilient spirit. I once asked Tennstedt about his hobby: hot-air ballooning, preferably 2,000ft above the Rockies. What was the big attraction of this dangerous pursuit? "Ah," he replied, "it is the only place to search for complete peace." I hope he finds that peace.

THEATRE: A tame new musical premiered at the Donmar; a cult novel artily staged at the Lyric, Hammersmith

Overdose of sugar impairs seduction

Enter the Guardsman
Donmar

He is a matinee idol, she is the actress performing opposite him in a romantic play, and all is not well with their marriage. He thinks she is weary of him and may be about to take a lover. She seems to justify his fears when she declares that "we play the love scenes by numbers and have cold suppers afterwards".

So he devises a stratagem to check her fidelity. He fills her dressing room with bunches of red roses, and, camouflaged as the Guards officer who supposedly sent them, sets about seducing her.

Such is the plot which the Hungarian dramatist, Ferenc Molnár, concocted in 1910 and which two young North Americans have now transformed into a small-scale musical. It makes for a most pleasant, diverting evening, but not for anything much more. I cannot accuse the creative chefs at the Donmar of putting too much sugar into Molnár's bittersweet mix, but they could certainly have been more lavish with the angostura and aloes.

Perhaps Molnár exaggerated when he described the play as "perfectly agonising", but there is no doubting the tangled poignancy of the situation. Mistrust and jealousy torment the disguised Actor, as he is bluntly called, to the point where he wants to challenge himself to a duel.

And the denouement is, or should be, decidedly ambiguous. Maybe the Actress has seen through his plumed and braided persona from the start and has gone along with the pretence; maybe not. Maybe she is like the wife in Pinter's *Lover*, and hankers for a husband with a bit of danger and sex-athleticism in him.

But nobody at the Donmar quite rises to the emotional occasion. Janie Dee produces moments of yearning, even of mild erotic hunger, but it is hard to see her either as a woman with seven previous lovers' names scratched on her bedpost or as a performer whose Camille has been compared with Bernhardt's. She is too much the gamin, the demure English rose, too little the louche sophisticate or the domineering actress. As for Alexander Hanson's Actor, he is effective enough when it comes to blubbing or boasting (try as he may, he cannot stop his fake Guardsman praising his Hamlet) but he could do more to acknowledge the tortuous weirdness of his predicament.

But what else should one expect of a musical, or at least a musical not by Stephen Sondheim? Well, Jeremy Sams, who directs, might have done more to evoke mid-European café society. A tiny phalanx of theatre people — wistful dresser, comically gay wigmaker, etc — beavering and gossiping amid grey crates and other backstage debris is hardly atmospheric enough. Again, the composer and lyricist, Craig Bohmler and Marion Adler, might have opted for a jaded period feel instead of the indiscriminately sprightly one they actually give us.

That sort of knowing unease is provided by Nicky Henson, playing a Molnár surrogate who encourages and observes his married friends' extramarital liaison; but too seldom, too fitfully. This is an evening for those in search of gentle, civilised fun. Those with darker tastes should wait for some enterprising soul to revive the original play.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER

Alexander Hanson and Janie Dee smell the greasepaint in *Enter the Guardsman*

Surreal sadism is not for beginners

The Wasp Factory
Lyric, Hammersmith

Why bother with the stuffed, the pickled and the painted at the Royal Academy when you can have a live Sensation in the comfort of your own stall seat, courtesy of Iain Banks's gamey cult novel, *The Wasp Factory*? Here a young boy, Frank, played by three actors in combat fatigues (Daniel Ilsley, Janine Wood and Harry Capehorn), runs wild on a Scottish island, catapulting rabbits, dismembering birds.

His is a world of sadistic fantasies. Dad interferes with Frank's food and keeps a cellar full of explosive cordite. Older brother Eric has escaped from a lunatic asylum and is bearing down on the island, torturing and torching dogs in his wake. Mum did a runner years ago.

In flashbacks we learn why the relatives aren't much nicer. By the time Frank is in his mid-teens he has murdered three of them. "It was just a stage I was going through," his older self comments drily. Nevertheless he is a model of sanity beside the schizophrenia that afflicts his family.

The director Malcolm Sutherland has been unhealthily hung up on this brutal piece since he premiered it at the Glasgow Citz five years ago. The current incarnation is a stiller, more self-consciously theatrical piece. But Sutherland's stark production still strikes me as illustrated entirely for people who have read the novel. If you haven't a sense of the book, this will leave you floundering. It is like an arthouse Frankenstein movie directed by the monster.

Why do Frank's several adolescent selves make such a pretentious Gothic meal of his life? Cutting open and then dynamiting a large fake fluffy rabbit does little to capture the book's grainy reality or Frank's peculiar tragedy. The more the actors play up the symbolism, the more they look like cogs in a machine.

Panic takes the place of character development as Eric's increasingly frenzied phone calls signal his imminent arrival. Panic, too, in the stalls as we desperately try to find someone on whom one can pin an ounce of empathy.

The play reaches its graphic conclusion with a series of set pieces, extracted from the novel and blown up like black and white war photographs. It doesn't take an accountant to work out that it's not for their plot value. On the plus side, they are beautifully framed by Sutherland. Perhaps they should start issuing catalogues rather than programmes at the box office.

The only figure to keep it together is David Gant's long-haired Glaswegian father. Sounding uncannily like a cracked version of Billy Connolly, Gant's father leans against a pillar of cigarette smoke, dispensing the family horror stories with a comedian's sense of timing and a madman's cackle. Who said modern art doesn't have a sense of humour?

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Writers go for gold in Athens

Benedict Nightingale reports on a 'cultural Olympiad' that offered vast prizes to unknown dramatists

A full orchestra played, two enormous choruses sang. The Athens Concert Hall was packed with bigwigs, starting with the Greek Prime Minister and the Greek President, who proceeded to hand a prize of $250,000 to one playwright, $200,000 to a second, and a total of $250,000 to five others.

No, this is not one of those daydreams that failed writers have while they starve in attics. It really happened earlier this week. While the city was still digesting the news that it will stage the Olympics proper in 2004, Athens was presenting a "cultural Olympiad", so-called, in which the competitors had been asked to pen plays focusing on the "problems facing Man on the threshold of the 21st century".

Since the sponsor was the Onassis Foundation, it was clear the winners would not end up with crystal goblets with pictures of Epidaurus etched on them. They would certainly fare better than Sophocles and Euripides, for whom mere honour was enough 2,400 years ago. But one had expected the big bucks to go to Eduard Shevardnadze, Steven Runciman and the other eminent figures the foundation was honouring at the same ceremony.

Yet no sooner had a representative of the International Maritime Organisation delivered a thank-you speech than up stepped Manjula Padmanabhan, followed by Anton Juan, Nagle Jackson and four others of whom I, for one, had not heard. Never can dramatists have received prizes remotely as lavish. Never has so much gone to dramatists so little-known.

A bloated fiasco, then, or a case of misdirected largesse? No; but I must admit some such fear passed through my mind before I read the winning play. None of the dramatists and dramaturgs I asked in England — not even David Edgar, whose playwriting course at Birmingham University fosters loads of new work — had heard of the cultural Olympiad. Moreover, there was (and remains) no guarantee that any of the successful plays would actually be performed. The Onassis people seemed in danger of paying $700,000 for a lot of portentous millennial scribbles posing as drama.

Doubtless there were some such scribbles among the 1,460 plays from 76 nations that landed on the judges' tables. The three winners all wrote about a world perilously divided between haves and have-nots; but I cannot say I was impressed by Jackson's *Elevation of Thieves*. The author, an American, heavy-handedly spoofs a fuddy-duddy European city whose leaders are less than delighted at the idea of a poor Muslim immigrant participating in their annual crucifixion ritual. The Hungerford-type massacre that ends the proceedings seemed inadequately motivated and reinforced my feeling that this was merely a piece of liberal breast-beating.

That is not an accusation, though, that can be directed at the other winners. *Tuko! Tuko!*, by the Filipino Anton, brings legends, ghosts and puppets into the dramatic equation, and will be tough to stage. But it merits a showing, not least because of the protagonist's burning rage at Japan's exploitation of his country's women, both now and during the war. But Padmanabhan's *Harvest* is still harder-hitting, involving as it does a trade all too likely to increase as the West gets more spoilt and the Third World more desperate.

Padmanabhan, an Indian illustrator and writer little performed in her own country, postulates a Bombay where unemployment is almost universal and street gangs feed on dead derelicts. The only way for a respectable man to ensure that life in a crammed tenement becomes bearable is to make his organs available on demand to a svelte American who intermittently appears on a television module, purring out her appreciation in California-speak but getting hysterical when her putative donor so much as sneezes. Colds have been eradicated in her own Eden.

The play is set in 2010 and made me realise how seldom drama ventures into sci-fi. But most of the technology it evokes already seems feasible and the social trends it describes are perfectly probable. You certainly cannot dismiss Padmanabhan as paranoid, given the subtlety and dark humour she brings to what is, at root, essentially a warning tale about a modern travesty of Buddhist or Hindu reincarnation.

In spite of everything the Onassis Foundation has uncovered a dramatist worth international production. So pleased are its officers with their achievements that they hope soon to expand their cultural Olympiad into music, sculpture and the other arts — and to hold another contest for dramatists in 2001. With another half-million or so bucks on offer, I wouldn't be surprised if Molière and Sheridan, Marlowe and O'Neill, rose from their graves to compete.

Manjula Padmanabhan: won $250,000 for *Harvest*, a play projecting a nightmare vision of India in 2010

Ortons by the pair

RADIO

If only Joe Orton could have written a play about his own violent death, what a fabulous, funny tale he would have woven. Orton tended to be chronological, but perhaps on this occasion he would have started with the driver arriving at his home to take him to a film studio, only to find the playwright murdered and his lover also dead.

That was 30 years ago last month, an anniversary that is sufficient excuse for Radio 3 to be putting out new productions of two of his works: *Loot* last Sunday and *Up Against It* this coming Sunday (7.30pm). Neither has been done on the radio before. *Loot* is of course a stage play, whereas *Up Against It* was written as a film script for the Beatles.

Orton was such a figure of the 1960s and its ultra-Modernism that one almost forgets that he wrote farces, though they might now be called black comedies. *Loot* was certainly black and just as certainly comedic, indeed one was thankful for this reminder of how funny Orton could be.

Loot concerns the death of a woman and the thieving activities of her son and how the proceeds of a robbery by the latter come to be in the coffin of the former. Is that all? Heavens no. There is also a crooked copper posing as a man from the water board, a sub-Kafka figure who is frightening and foolish by turns.

Nor is that all, either. The dead woman's nurse, a woman with an eye on the widower's cash, turns out to be an habitual murderer whose impressive previous record includes six (or is it seven?) husbands, all mysteriously rendered in the past tense (as an Orton character might have put it).

All of which, clever plot-making though it is, amounts only to a series of bows from which Orton fires arrows at favoured subjects: women, religion, authority, manners, hypocrisy, duplicity. He uses all the available voices to do so, with the result that by the end of *Loot* you hardly know whom to like least.

But did this work on the radio? After all, there is much visual fun in the shunting around of the body, especially the attempts late in the play to pass it off as a tailor's dummy. Hard to convey through the ether, but director Lindsay Posner pulled it off in splendid style, and the acting was first rate. *Loot* and *Up Against It* are the sort of 90-minute dramas that will soon be too long, apparently, for Radio 4, a network now proposing to sell drama as if it was curtain material. Still, Radio 3 will have no complaints.

PETER BARNARD

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Season of Sundays worth the wait

Why did Harriet Wheeler and David Gavurin take five years to come up with their new album? 'Dunno,' they chorus

CAITLIN MORAN

The Sundays take five years to record an album, and they have absolutely no excuse as to why this should be. One of those Couples in Rock — like Abba, the Mamas and the Papas or various conjunctions of Fleetwood Mac — David Gavurin and Harriet Wheeler launch into their fifth pint of the evening and run through all the possibilities.

"Decorating? Nah, it can't be that. Our house is a mess." Wheeler muses. "We painted the bathroom red in 1994, but that only took an afternoon."

"We built our studio," Gavurin offers. "That took a while. What was our chosen method of soundproofing? Oh, it's not egg boxes. I dunno who started the myth that egg boxes soundproof places. Maybe it's because acoustic tiles look like egg boxes, and some gullible literalist made a fragile connection. No, we use mattresses for our soundproofing, which makes it tricky when guests come to stay. Then we can't record."

"That's why it took so long," Wheeler leaps on the excuse. "We also had a baby," she adds. "That took nine months or so."

So where is said rock'n'roll child tonight? "Oh, home alone," Gavurin says, straight-faced. "They've got to learn sometime. Apparently, 50 per cent of 999 calls are made by children, so the chances are she'll know what to do if things go wrong. She knows where the grill pan is. She knows where the fish fingers are."

"She was so sweet when she was tiny!" Wheeler goes into motherly mode. "You could hold her in the palm of your hand, but she'd usually fall off. Now she's obsessed with Liverpool FC. We have to play this game where she's Robbie Fowler. Sometimes she's Steve McManaman, but it's usually Robbie."

"The emergency services are going to be very perplexed when Robbie Fowler rings up, disguising his voice as a two-year-old child, and tells them the house is on fire," Gavurin sighs. "Maybe we should have shelled out extra for a babysitter tonight."

There are five things that people know about the Sundays. Two of these facts have already been mentioned: their coupleness and their album procrastination. The third has become clear — they can carry a jolly jape concerning their responsibility as parents. The fourth is that Wheeler's hair has remained exactly the same since 1988 — when they first burst ("Apologetically shuffled," Gavurin corrects) on to the scene with *Can't Be Sure*, which topped John Peel's Festive 50 Christmas chart, and sounded the "Hallo" for their debut album, *Reading, Writing and Arithmetic*. It's a cottage-loaf kind of tonsorial affair, a bouffant, large granary swell topped by a smaller follicular croissant. Joe, a member of the underrated bliss merchants Butterfly Child, once lived opposite their house, and ran a betting version of I Spy, wherein guests could take up binoculars and attempt to spot Wheeler with her hair down. The game finished six months later, with Wheeler's hair still firmly stapled atop her head.

"That was another reason why the album took so long," Gavurin sighs. "Harriet just couldn't decide whether to go up or down with the hair. We *were* going for a radical change, but she bottled it at the last minute."

This leads us on to the fifth and final Sundays Fact: that they always sound the same. Half of this could be down to Wheeler's voice: a delirious elastic carolling sound, not unlike a tipsy lark spiralling nestward after a very good evening. The other half of this could be down to Gavurin's guitar-playing: sunrise acoustics setting up dizzy mantras before expanding into burnished chrome arcs for the chorus.

These two things together, however, sound impossibly out of time and idyllic, like Laurie Lee's village folk trying to guess what music might sound like in a rurally Utopian 2002.

Harriet Wheeler, the woman with the fresh-baked hair, and David Gavurin — the Sundays to their friends — reflect on *Static and Silence*

The only thing that changes are the seasons the Sundays evoke: the debut *Reading, Writing and Arithmetic*, with its fidgety time signatures and honeyed insouciant joy, was a pollen-drunk summer; *Cider With Rosie* in the hay. The follow-up, 1992's *Blind*, was autumn-born: Monet-purple skies filled with spinning gold and red leaves. The guitars often became painfully bright, like the frost-glare on frozen roads. There is the feeling that, although things are becoming thrillingly epic and bracing, everything will be swept away.

And so it is only logical that *Static and Silence*, the Sundays' new album, is winter: stripped and hushed, yet still full of hearth-like warmth and beauty. The acoustics have changed, as they do in winter: sometimes small and delicate, like gardens full of snow; at others, endless and glittering, like frozen lakes. It often echoes the intimacy of a heart slowly breaking.

"Ah well, my father got ill and died within a year," Wheeler explains. "It was the oddest thing."

For the first time in the three hours we have spent together, the Sundays seem to be struggling for words. "It was like: 'Oh! You're not there any more!'" Wheeler still looks startled recalling it. "You know? I couldn't find him anywhere. That's probably why this album is winter-sad and simple."

● Static and Silence *is released on Monday by Parlophone*

Smooth fusion at the factory

LIVE JAZZ

Theo Travis

Ronnie Scott's

FORT DUNLOP, a derelict factory on the outskirts of Birmingham best viewed from the M6, is perhaps an unusual source of musical inspiration, especially given songwriters' customary unwillingness to celebrate English place names in their art. But as Birmingham-born saxophonist Theo Travis demonstrated, in the right hands it is capable of playing the muse whatever its appearance.

Taking the sounds of a working factory as his starting point, he has constructed a vigorous, hard-swinging jazz vehicle from a relatively simple, driving theme.

The result — initially commissioned as part of the *Broad Street Changes* suite by West Midlands Arts — provided him with the perfect opener for his week-long residency at Ronnie Scott's, where he is playing opposite singer Irene Reid.

Sparked initially by drummer Marc Parnell's brisk snare-drum tattoo, the tune began as a strident tenor anthem, but swiftly evolved into a beguiling, intensely melodic lope, providing the platform for some muscular but rhapsodic improvising from Travis over Dave Gordon's sparkling piano and Rob Statham's tight, singing electric bass.

The fact that Travis employs this latter instrument rather than the upright acoustic version has led to his being described as a "fusion saxophonist".

His slow-building eloquence on the quartet's second selection, Chick Corea's *Sea Journey*, which climaxed in an eloquent display of windily verbose passion, did indeed betray the influence of fusion tenor maestro Michael Brecker.

Travis's roots, however, are just as firmly set in acoustic, subtly swinging jazz, and he proved it first with a touchingly reverent soprano/piano duo version of the standard *My Foolish Heart*, then with an almost Stan Getz-smooth version of his own gently wafting *Lulworth Night*, the opening track of his latest album, *Secret Island*.

The same album provided the quartet's blustering set closer, *The Crow Road*, inspired by the Iain Banks novel.

But the highlight of their performance was provided by the bustling, smartly percussive *Friday Night at the Cadillac Club*, which showcased Parnell's briskly assertive but supple drumming, a vital ingredient of the band's robust yet tasteful overall sound.

For the past two years running, Theo Travis has been nominated in the British Jazz Awards' Rising Star category; to judge by this performance, his ascension is all but complete.

CHRIS PARKER

Sorry, dancing's off, love

Lisa Verrico joins the fruitless hunt for a good bop on the 1997 Camden Crawl

There can be no better indication of dance music's move from the underground into the alternative territory once occupied by Britpop bands than the line-up at the Camden Crawl on Wednesday. The annual event, which took place in six separate venues and stretched from 6pm until after midnight, started three years ago as a showcase for new talent with a bill dominated by indie guitar acts. This year, however, more than half of the gigs were by electronic outfits. At least, that was the plan.

If organisers were aware of the renowned unreliability of dance bands, they made no contingency plans. Before the Crawl even began, big beat favourites Dub Pistols pulled out of their end-of-evening slot at the Underworld club.

Up Camden High Street, the Dingwalls venue fared even worse. Of the four acts scheduled to appear, only the pair with guitar players (Warm Jets and Snow Patrol) bothered to turn up. Headliners Headrillaz at least had the courtesy to cancel in advance. The techno-driven Hardknox simply didn't show.

In an ill-advised attempt to step up the scale of the Camden Crawl, this year the 2,000-capacity Forum was added to the agenda of venues. With ticket sales significantly down on 1996's event (only 2,500 or so people were thought to have bought the £15 wristbands required to get into all six venues throughout the evening), the cavernous Forum looked ominously empty, even for the Swedish headline band **The Wannadies**.

It did not help that the Forum is more than a mile away from the centre of Camden. In the past, the bustle of people rushing between shows added intimacy and a sense of excitement. This time, waiting for the free bus that shuttled at no fixed time from venue to venue was more of a chore.

Nevertheless, the Camden Crawl did have its highlights. **Lo-Fidelity Allstars** — a cross between the Chemical Brothers and Shaun Ryder's old band Happy Mondays — ignored a pitiful turnout for their Forum show to fire rhythmic missiles, like their lastest single, *Disco Machine Gun*, over the heads of indie boys trying desperately to look as studiedly cool as the band's Liam Gallagher-like singer. When in Camden, the Lo-Fi usually play the Monarch pub, where their deafening punk-enthused big beats go down a storm. Perhaps they should have exchanged Crawl venues with American singer **Tanya Donelly**, whose show to promote her recently released debut solo album, *Lovesongs for Underdogs*, took place in the Monarch's tiny upstairs room.

Donelly sold more than two million albums with her previous band, Belly. Inevitably, scores of fans of that band eager to hear the singer's fuzzy, upbeat guitar pop stood in a queue outside for most of the set.

Camden Crawl wound up at the Electric Ballroom, where **Echo and the Bunnymen** turned out to be the evening's secret special guest. Their competent set consisted mainly of 1980s hits such as *The Cutter* and *The Killing Moon*. As the bulk of the evening's acts prepared to travel to Manchester and Glasgow for secondary stages of the event, the words "Don't walk before you can crawl" were on everyone's lips.

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Depression moving in from Iceland

POP ALBUMS: Winter has Björk's heart in its grip, and harder men than **David Sinclair** would be saddened

BJORK
Homogenic
(One Little Indian TPLP71
£13.99)

SHE comes from the land of the ice and snow, a place where there is space and great beauty but also emptiness and, at times, a chilling sense of desolation. And, while you can take Björk out of Iceland, it seems you cannot take Iceland out of Björk's music.

Her new album, *Homogenic*, is a fusion of futuristic electronic rhythm tracks and neo-chamber string arrangements, provided by the Icelandic String Octet. There are moments of high drama. "Excuse me, but I just have to explode," she announces in *Pluto*, her ultra-compressed voice cavorting over layers of radiostatic sound effects and a frantic techno beat.

But whereas in the past Björk's tendency towards introspection, both musically and in her lyrics, was leavened by the sheer exuberance of her performance, here she seems to have suppressed her pop instincts, allowing a sense of coldness and isolation to exert an unusually vice-like grip on the heart of songs such as the ethereal *Unravel* and the stark *All Neon Like*.

"I thought I could organise freedom/How Scandinavian of me," she sings in *Hunter*, the strings sawing away dolorously all around while a fractured marching-drum beat rattles away in double-time at the back.

As frosty as Stina Nordenstam and as earnest as Elvis Costello during his Brodsky Quartet phase, *Homogenic* is an album that will ultimately prove easier to admire than to love.

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POOKA
Spinning
(Trade2/Island 524 426 £15.49)

THE duo of Sharon Lewis and Natasha Jones, otherwise known as Pooka, announced its presence in 1993 with a debut album ostensibly of coffee-house folk, but given a demonic twist in the harmonies and lyrics. For *Spinning*, their belated follow-up, the pair have reinvented themselves as a post-Alanis Morissette acoustic-rock act while retaining a shrill, otherworldy edge that sets them apart from more frivolous contemporaries such as Alisha's Attic.

Although they come from the North of England, the searing melodrama of their music and the highly strung emotional pitch of their lyrics are far more in tune with the American soul-baring style of artists such as Ani DiFranco, or even, on occasion, the late Jeff Buckley.

Favouring the sort of faintly discordant harmonic intervals that suggest a witches' coven, their eerie voices ululate to startling effect above the fidgety riffing of *Mean Girl* and swiftly galloping beat of *Sweet Butterfly*. "If I don't get a boyfriend soon/I'm bound to get a disease," they insist on *Rubber Arms*, one of several songs where all manner of not-so-secret neuroses are flushed out. Not pleasant, but perhaps necessary.

DUBSTAR
Goodbye
(Food/EMI 7243 8 21217
£13.49)

ALTHOUGH their debut album, *Disgraceful*, made little impression when it was released in 1995, indie-pop darlings Dubstar have since enjoyed Top 20 hits with *Not So Manic Now* and *Stars*, and now stand poised on the brink of mainstream success.

Located in an English tradition that stretches from Kirsty MacColl and Saint Etienne all the way back to the Human League, *Goodbye* is crammed full of bright, tart little pop statements that often conceal a bitter emotional core within a heavy coating of sugar.

The album is dominated by the presence of singer Sarah Blackwood, whose frilly delivery on songs such as *My Start In Wallsend* and *It's Clear* produces an effect that is rather like being suffocated by fluffy toy bunnies, an impression clearly at odds with the fearless attitude of lyrics such as: "I am the gum on your shoes/The prostitute who rings your family" (from *I Will Be Your Girlfriend*).

The conflict finds its resolution in the melancholy reggae tune *It's Over* and the sad, slow *Ghost* ("I'll trace the whole world to find your ghost"), where the posing seems to give way to something more genuine.

TRAVIS
Good Feeling
(Independiente ISM 488522
£11.99)

CURRENTLY on tour with Oasis, Travis are the Glaswegian rock group whose trick is never knowingly to sound as if they are trying too hard. Perhaps they aren't. The chorus and chord sequence of *Happy* — "I'm so happy 'cause you're so happy" repeated ad nauseum — is simple to the point of cretinous, while the high incidence of songs with a slow or languid tempo makes you wonder why they bother to turn their guitars up so loud in the first place.

But they do have a knack for creating infectious, anthemic singalongs, as on the Bluresque chorus of *Tied to the 90s* and the jaunty hook of their single *U16 Girls*. And, unusually for this kind of group, they have a great line in meaningful love songs as demonstrated by *Falling Down*, *More than Us* and the disarmingly straightforward sentiment of *I Love You Anyways*. Another Del Amitri in the making, perhaps?

"Whereas in the past Björk's introspection was leavened by the exuberance of her performance, here she seems to have suppressed her pop instincts"

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Be Here Now**	Oasis (Creation)
2	(–)	**Butterfly**	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
3	(–)	**Marchin' Already**	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
4	(2)	**OK Computer**	Radiohead (Parlophone)
5	(3)	**White on Blonde**	Texas (Mercury)
6	(4)	**The Fat of the Land**	Prodigy (XL Recordings)
7	(5)	**Calling all Stations**	Genesis (Virgin)
8	(6)	**Much Love**	Shola Ama (WEA)
9	(7)	**New Forms**	Roni Size/Reprazent (Talkin' Loud)
10	(13)	**Older**	George Michael (Virgin)

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● *Figure in brackets denotes last week's position*

A touch of tuba roots the blues

JAZZ ALBUMS

HOWARD JOHNSON & GRAVITY
Right Now!
(Verve 537 801-2)

ALTHOUGH the ingredients of this album — six tubas, a rhythm section and the veteran blues singer Taj Mahal — are almost wilfully eccentric, the music it contains is spontaneous and sparkily accessible.

Some of the participants made the still-popular live Taj Mahal recording *The Real Thing* in 1971, but this is more than a "reunion" album. Made directly after a European tour, it catches a red-hot band bursting with ideas and enthusiasm. The material ranges from a passionate but slinky version of Little Willie John's classic *Fever*, through funky 1960s and 1970s showpieces, to imaginatively elegant arrangements of jazz fare such as Gil Evans's *Waltz* and Slide Hampton's *Frame for the Blues*.

But whatever they are playing, the rich, fruity sonorousness of the tubas (plus occasional penny whistle or baritone saxophone) and the plaintive graininess of Taj Mahal's lived-in voice, all held together by a whip-smart rhythm section, make for a highly unusual but consistently enjoyable album.

JOHN LAW
The Hours
(FMR CD41-V0697)

THE third and final album in a series of piano meditations sparked off by John Law's interest in early monastic music, *The Hours* takes material from the *Liber Usualis* as its starting point.

After briefly stating each of the eight plainchant "themes", Law subjects them to sometimes surprisingly robust but consistently graceful and mellifluous treatments, imbued with the disciplined vigour that is the most obvious legacy of his immersion over the past few years in free jazz.

Added to his recent acclaimed trio of albums of Thelonious Monk interpretations and idiosyncratic visits to standards, Law's three solo-piano plainchant albums confirm his growing reputation as one of this country's most imaginative young pianists.

CHRIS PARKER

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Girl Power didn't help Emma and the other Spice Girls when their producers sampled an obscure soul track

If it's worth hearing once

Where would today's pop stars be without their predecessors?

Patrick Gilbert reports on sampling

Earlier this summer, the Spice Girls were faced with a serious accusation. It had nothing to do with the poaching of boyfriends, or with some imaginary shoplifting spree in Scary and Posh's local Sainsbury's. Instead, it related to the unauthorised use of another artist's work — in this case a sample from an obscure 1970s funk record called *It's Just Begun* by the Jimmy Castor Bunch.

"In fairness, the girls didn't know anything about it," explains John Fogarty of Minder Music, the owner of the infringed copyright who stands to make a substantial sum in back royalties from the Spices' multimillion-selling debut album. "Once we had approached them there was no argument. Stannard and Rowe [the group's producers] said they had sampled it from another record, and agreed to pay us."

In many respects, Minder Music was lucky to reach such a quick and amicable settlement. Every year scores of instances of copyright infringement go undetected, losing songwriters and musicians thousands of pounds in royalties. It is a practice which is growing rapidly.

The main problem is the ubiquity of sampling, the term for "lifting" a snatch of music from an existing recording and digitally incorporating it into a new track. Muscled into vogue by the advent of hip hop and rap in the late 1980s, sampling is now an integral part of mainstream pop culture, and its innovative use by indie artists such as Beck — whose backing tracks are basically sophisticated sound collages of old records — has garnered almost universal critical acclaim.

Since 1990, when Gilbert O'Sullivan sued an American rapper called Biz Markie over the unauthorised use of a snippet from one of the 1970s pop star's songs, it has been the legal requirement for an artist sampling another's work first to gain permission from the song's copyright owner (usually the artist or publisher), as well as from the owner of the recording (usually the record company). Failure to do so is technically theft, and in America it carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.

> ❛ Sampling is now an integral part of the pop culture ❜

The O'Sullivan case had a profound impact on sampling culture. Within a year or two, a climate developed in which samplers and copyright owners recognised the mutual benefits of working together. "In the late 1980s, a lot of people were only interested in stopping a record coming out and claiming some damages," explains Linda Taylor of the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS), the agency that issues sampling licences. "They saw it as theft, end of story. But it's now seen as a way for record companies to exploit their back catalogues. Some artists actively try to get samples, as they know it will be a future source of income."

Of the 200 or so new singles released each week, more than a third are now believed to reproduce elements of another composition, with indie and rock artists being just as likely to feature samples as dance acts. This is good news for copyright owners, since they ultimately have the right to veto the use of the material they administer.

For example, the Verve's haunting summer smash, *Bitter Sweet Symphony*, was built around a repeated snatch (or loop) of an obscure 1960s orchestral treatment of the Rolling Stones' song, *The Last Time*. Such was the tenacity of the Stones' publishers that the Verve have had to hand over all of the publishing royalties earned from the track, this despite the argument that the record was partly "made" by singer Richard Ashcroft's totally original lyric.

Likewise, Sting stands to gain a reported £400,000 from Puff Daddy's chart-topper *I'll Be Missing You*, a remake of the Police's early 1980s hit *Every Breath You Take*, containing samples from the original song.

Yet as the MCPS readily admits, many samples are still not declared. In fact, copyright infringement remains positively rife, chiefly, it seems, because pop stars do not regard it as a serious issue.

As one of the world's top musicologists, Peter Oxendale has been called upon as an expert witness in many celebrated sampling cases. These days his phone rarely stops ringing. "I'm involved in 70 or 80 instructions a year, and I expect that number to increase substantially," he says.

"Most of the cases are settled outside court, as it gets too expensive otherwise. With sampling, I have all the necessary equipment to prove two things come from the same sound source. Some people may chop up or manipulate a sound to try to disguise it, but I generally find it."

Oxendale says many of the finer aspects of the sampling issue have yet to be tested in the courts. Nevertheless, he warns, "if you sample just as much as a fragment of someone else's work, you have to declare it. Otherwise, it may cost you."

In the Spice Girls case, it reportedly cost them around 16 per cent of the publishing royalties for the track *If U Can't Dance*.

Meanwhile, sampling — illegal and otherwise — continues to thrive. "A sampler is as much a musical instrument as a guitar," argues Dean Rudland, a former office manager at Acid Jazz, a label which once had to settle out of court with Minder Music over one of its artists' samples of a Fat Back Band track. "It's messing around with sounds. There are only 12 notes, but there's an infinite number of sounds. Used creatively by gifted producers, it's an amazing tool."

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE: Trevor Nunn directs Ian McKellen as the spa doctor pitting himself against his community to expose a local scandal. Only the third London production this century for Ibsen's explosive play.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm, Sat 2pm, 7.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

GOLDEN AGE: William Christie and his group Les Arts Florissants conclude their weekend of Baroque music with a semi-staged performance of *King Arthur*, Purcell's dramatic opera, with a narrative by Jeremy Sams.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Sun, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

THE SINGULAR VOICE OF WOMEN: Nifty female footwork is on display in this programme of contemporary dance solos curated by American dancer and producer Christine Jowers. These rarely-seen solos celebrate the powerful expression of women dance artists of the 20th century and include works by Martha Graham and Doris Humphrey.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BELFAST: In a hectic weekend for opera in Britain, Opera Northern Ireland kicks off its autumn programme with two tales of love and conflicting loyalties. In tonight's opening performance Martin André conducts Verdi's **Aida** with Jean Glennon singing the role of the enslaved princess. Tomorrow sees the Irish premiere of Mozart's masterpiece, **Idomeneo**, with Mark le Brocq in the title role. Stephen Barlow conducts.
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street (01232 241919). Both performances at 7.30pm. Ⓢ

GLASGOW: At Scottish Opera the new season continues with a matinee performance of Bellini's rarely performed tragic opera, **Norma**. Ian Judge returns to restage the production, acclaimed as a highlight of the company's 1992-93 season. Penelope Walmsley-Clark sings the role of the ill-fated druid priestess. Julian Smith conducts.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tomorrow, 2.15pm. Ⓢ

LEEDS: Opera North's second choice for the autumn season is Tim Albery's production of **Così fan tutte**, Mozart's mellifluous tale of male deception and female fickleness. Elena Ferrari sings the role of Fiordiligi with Alice Coote as Dorabella. Martin Fitzpatrick conducts.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0113-245 9351/440971). Tomorrow, 7.15pm. *Aida* tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: Roger Haines directs the first regional production of Sondheim's effervescent musical **Company** — marriage, for and against.
Library Theatre, St Peter's Square (0161-236 7110). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Mon, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Oct 8) and Sat (Sep 27, Oct 11, 18), 3pm. Until Oct 18. Ⓢ

PLYMOUTH: Start of Laurence Boswell's touring production of Wycherley's roguish comedy **The Country Wife**. Sara Crowe plays the wife who is surely in no danger from the crafty Horner (Patrick Robinson) since he has told the whole town he is impotent.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (01752 267222). Previews tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until September 27. Ⓢ

Ian McKellen as Ibsen's spa doctor at the National

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National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat tomorrow, 2.30pm

◪ **ENTER THE GUARDSMAN:** Musical version of Ferenc Molnar's comedy of Viennese manners where an actor and actress, perfectly matched onstage, live a very different life at home. With Janie Dee, Alexander Hanson and Nicky Henson, music and lyrics by Craig Bohmler and Marion Adler, directed by Jeremy Sams.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

◪ **THE HERBAL BED:** Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Kate Duchêne plays Shakespeare's daughter and Michael Ford plays her physician husband.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ ***HURLYBURLY:*** West End transfer for the first hit from Peter Hall's Old Vic company. David Rabe's savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, Jenny Seagrove, Andy Serkis and David Tennant.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5105). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

☐ **LIFE SUPPORT:** Alan Bates subtly moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for marital treachery.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE:** New play by Karoline Leach, set in 1912 in a hotel at Weston-super-Mare, directed by Bob Tomson. Paul Nicholas plays a confidence trickster and Susan Penhaligon a lovelorn spinster.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

◪ **POPCORN:** Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his come-uppance when a couple of serial killers (great playing by Patrick O'Kane and Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. Laurence Boswell directs.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm

☐ **SKYLIGHT:** Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet in David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds. Richard Eyre directs.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ ***WAITING FOR GODOT:*** Peter Hall directs Alan Howard and Ben Kingsley in a revival of Beckett's finest drama.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. In rep

☐ **THE WINTER'S TALE:** Final performance of David Freeman's modern dress production on the olde-style stage. Nicholas Le Prevost plays the mischievous Autolycus.
Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Tomorrow, 7.30pm

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NEW RELEASES

♦ **CAREER GIRLS** (15): Student friends meet up as adults. Awkward but touching Mike Leigh drama, with Katrin Cartlidge and Lynda Steadman.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

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GALLIVANT (15): Film-maker Andrew Kotting journeys round Britain with his grandmother and daughter. An unclassifiable delight.
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647) **Everyman** Ⓢ (0171-435 1525)

♦ **MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING** (12): Julia Roberts does her best to trip up Dermot Mulroney at the altar. Intelligent romantic comedy, directed by P. J. Hogan.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

♦ ***PHOTOGRAPHING FAIRIES*** (15): Grieving photographer (Toby Stephens) believes in fairies. Unappetising British drama, directed by Nick Willing.
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♦ **SPAWN** (12): Incoherent comic book nonsense, with Michael Jai White as the superhero fighting the forces of Satan.
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♦ **AIR FORCE ONE** (15): President Harrison Ford gets hijacked. Preposterous, old-fashioned fun, with Gary Oldman and Glenn Close. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
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♦ **GROSSE POINTE BLANK** (15): Troubled hit man hits his class reunion. Hip comedy with John Cusack, Minnie Driver and Dan Aykroyd.
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KAMA SUTRA (18): Sexual games in 16th-century India. Decorative but pointless drama from director Mira Nair.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

♦ **MRS BROWN** (PG): Queen Victoria's relationship with her servant John Brown. Focused, subtle drama, with Judi Dench and Billy Connolly.
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No call to be sick as a parrot

Frank Skinner
Apollo, Oxford

Frank Skinner could only be a West Bromwich Albion supporter, couldn't he? It would be impossible to picture him cheering on any team as sleek as Manchester United, or as metropolitan as Arsenal, while fancy-pants Chelsea can be left to the likes of Skinner's *Fantasy Football League* sidekick and former flatmate, David Baddiel. Skinner's deadpan wit is just what is needed when you follow a club that still clings to memories of Jeff Astle's FA Cup-winning goal of 1968.

A sizeable proportion of his audience was probably not even born then. When he does his Derek Nimmo impersonation (very sharp, by the way, as was his Kenneth Williams), he wonders aloud how many of the lads in the stalls know what he is talking about.

But even though he has passed his fortieth birthday, Skinner still contrives to be just another of the boys on the terraces. For all I know he could, in reality, be a regular at the Groucho bar, yet readers of *Loaded* magazine know that, in spite of his royalties, he is still one of them.

After another middling run of his television chat show, Skinner is on the road for a gruelling national tour. Over the course of 90 minutes he put on a deceptively casual display, keeping the locals informed on the latest score in the evening's fixtures, and gently taunting them over the rather less than myriad achievements of Oxford United.

If Skinner himself were a football team, he might be called Juventus North End. When the mood takes him, he can turn on what the men in the commentary box like to call the silky skills. Executing nimble sidesteps and agile stream-of-consciousness runs, he draws on a broad fund of observational humour.

At other times, though, he falls back on the crudest and most explicit jokes imaginable, the verbal equivalent of the long ball punted upfield. The level of subtlety hovers somewhere close to a Wimbledon player's stag night.

Many of the routines concerning what I can only politely call our caveman instincts are, in fact, extremely funny, especially when delivered in Skinner's lugubrious tones. Taking his cue from Max Miller, he allowed the audience to vote on how much blue humour they wanted to hear, so he can hardly be accused of causing a public outrage.

But should we be smiling at clever one-liners about Princess Diana's funeral? And what kind of comedy will we be left with when all the taboos have been trampled down? An awkward, nagging question after an entertaining night.

CLIVE DAVIS

West Brom's very own Frank Skinner: blue is the colour, football is the game, all right

CONCERTS: Japanese souvenirs for London schoolchildren; a firm Czech hand in Liverpool

Rhapsody in bamboo

London Schools SO/Friend
Barbican

NO HINT of back-to-school blues hung over the London Schools Symphony Orchestra's concert at the Barbican on Monday. Perhaps the players would have appreciated a bigger audience than the friends, relatives and organisers who predominated here, for such a good cause certainly deserves the support of the capital's musical public. Still, spirits were high in the wake of the orchestra's recent tour of Japan.

The new Japanese connection was strongly reflected in the programme, since the highlight was the Hiroshima-born Tomiko Kohjiba's *KA-UN* for shakuhachi and orchestra. Though her compact piece demands virtuosity from its soloist, it is not a concerto. The almost spiritual qualities of Kohjiba's music and of the instrument itself, a long end-blown bamboo flute, belong to a different world in which show-off music-making has no part. The shakuhachi master Yoshikazu Iwamoto got the same haunting sound from his three differently pitched instruments, projecting fluttering melodies over Kohjiba's subtle orchestration.

The other major work of the evening was Sibelius's Fifth Symphony, which, for all its popularity, can prove elusive. Despite the LSSO's well-balanced ensemble, with strings more capable than in many youth orchestras of standing up to the brass and wind sections, everyone here was too tentative. Lionel Friend's staid conducting did not help. The undercurrents of the opening needed firmer, more confident shaping, and the finale more tension: the great closing chords were anticlimactic. Only the second movement's lightly-scored variations unfolded easily.

Friend's young players gave their best elsewhere, even in Barry Booth's *Blue Lullaby* for shakuhachi and strings, a moody piece of theme-tune music lacking real substance. Malcolm Arnold's overture *The Smoke*, a late-Forties picture of seedy, nocturnal London, and Walton's *Crown Imperial* completed the programme.

JOHN ALLISON

A hasty field trip

RLPO/Altrichter
Liverpool

WHATEVER doubts the rest of the musical world might have about the wisdom of appointing a Czech conductor to succeed a Czech conductor, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra is not in the least apologetic about it. Indeed, in choosing Smetana's *Má Vlast* to open its first major midweek subscription series with Petr Altrichter, its new principal conductor, the RLPO offered a firm, even defiant statement to the contrary.

Of course, Altrichter is different from his predecessor anyway. Apart from having strong inclinations towards both Viennese and Russian music, his tastes in the Czech repertoire are to some extent at variance with Libor Pešek's: he has more time for Martinů, for example, as later events in the season will confirm. And even in such central areas as *Má Vlast*, where their interests overlap, there is no danger of mistaking one conductor's interpretation for the other's.

One of Altrichter's principal virtues is the essentially dramatic orientation of his approach to a score. Although a series of six symphonic poems intimately associated with another country's national identity is a formidable challenge, he never failed to make the point that Smetana's structures and his expressive motivation are basically the same thing.

Alongside the discipline of Altrichter's conducting there is also a certain inflexibility and not much charm. It is true that the pastoral delights of *Vltava* and *From Bohemia's Woods and Fields* were duly registered in orchestral playing of admirable sensitivity in line and colouring. But, in the prevailing need to get on with it and to preserve the structural continuity, there was no chance of luxuriating in Smetana's lyricism.

The brilliantly eventful *Šárka*, the coda of which achieved an unlikely elevation onto another level of excitement, was the more authentic experience. Where the composer's invention is less inspired, in *Tábor* and much of the succeeding *Blaník*, there was an uncomfortable sense of an orchestra yomping over stony battlefields.

GERALD LARNER

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John O'Leary on discontent over Whitehall control of schools; and **Mark Whitaker** on a radical Chicago experiment

Teachers protest at ministry regulation

Teachers' representatives were under no illusions about the new administration's tough line on standards when Labour took office. David Blunkett, Education and Employment Secretary, had abandoned his party's "no blame" culture in opposition and was promising a string of initiatives.

Armed with an overwhelming electoral mandate and promising support as well as pressure, ministers enjoyed a lengthy honeymoon period with the teaching unions. This week, however, there have been signs of strain in the relationship.

The cause is what many teachers see as an unhealthy centralisation of power in the hands of ministers. They are faced with guidelines on everything from homework to the amount of time to be spent teaching reading. Some teachers are wondering what is left for them to decide.

The last straw was the suggestion by Mr Blunkett that the hotline set up to take comments on the schools White Paper could be kept open for parents to complain. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, complained of a "big brother" approach to schools.

Dissatisfaction had set in well before that, however. The prep schools' annual conference was the unlikely source of the first and most intemperate criticism, as Bob Acheson, Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol, gave warning of "intellectual fascism" if the Government continued to be so prescriptive.

This week, the Secondary Heads Association (SHA) delivered a more measured critique, accusing ministers of stifling the creativity needed from teachers if standards were to rise. Bruce Douglas, the SHA's new president, said the Government would go "blundering on", failing to improve the education system, unless schools were given more responsibility.

Mr Douglas, head master of Branston Community College, in Lincoln, says: "We are not looking for conflict with the Government, as long as they stand by some of their own rhetoric. If they do not, they risk a smaller, meaner system with lesser leaders and a poorer education for the young people of this country."

Mr Douglas, speaking at a London press conference to mark the start of his year in office, said the failure of a minority of schools was determining ministers' approach to the whole system. He appealed to politicians to drop the "falsehoods" that education is a disaster area and that the only route to improvement was for them to take more of the decisions.

He said the current approach would have a damaging effect on teacher recruitment. "I think the real reason that teacher supply is at risk is that we have moved away from the idea that teaching is a big 'can do' job, where professionals can exercise their judgment."

> 'Some wonder what is left for them to decide'

The SHA is not alone in its concerns. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, reminded ministers after one recent initiative that some of the methods they now seek to outlaw were required practice not long ago in the local authorities they controlled. "Politicians had no monopoly on wisdom then and they do not now," he said.

Ministers would deny that they are failing to live up to their promises of partnership with the teaching profession. Mr Blunkett spoke warmly this week at a conference run jointly by the National Union of Teachers and *The Times Educational Supplement*, and union representatives have been included in the extensive talks on the Government's forthcoming legislation.

Yet on big occasions, such as the Prime Minister's education summits and when members are chosen for groups such as the standards task force, hand-picked exponents of the Government's initiatives take the place of teachers' representatives.

So are organisations such as the SHA simply piqued at being cut out of the action? And is the Government right to look elsewhere for advice? This was not the first time that the SHA has crossed swords with Labour after its presidential introduction. Last year the association's claims that the party's plans would allow LEAs to wield power over schools once more prompted angry denials.

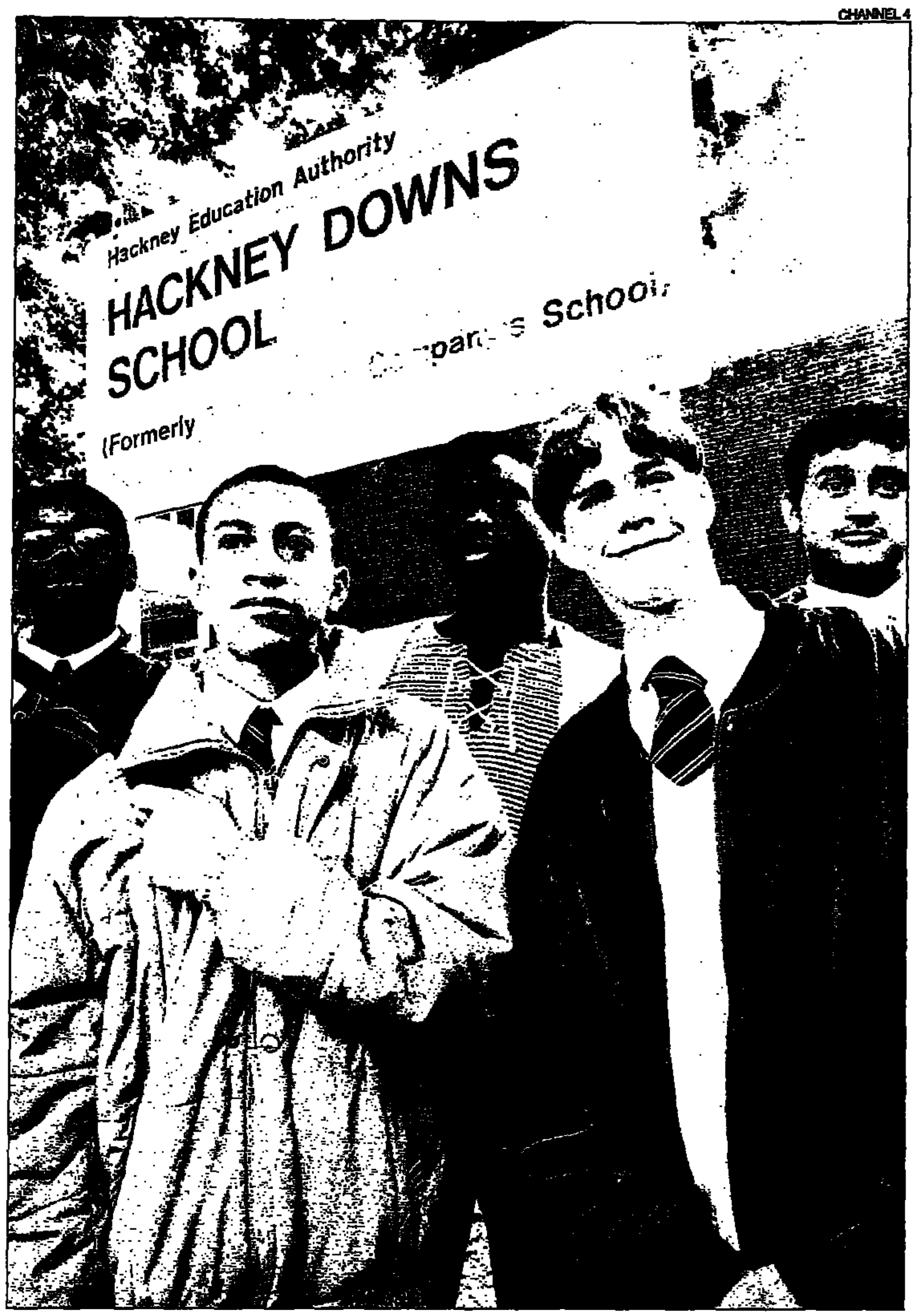
Some of the association's criticisms this week took little account of political reality — for example on the funding of education, which SHA's leaders find inadequate. But the charge of overprescription will strike a chord in classrooms.

As well as being contrary to management theory on getting the best out of a workforce, most of the Government's direction relies on the co-operation of the teaching profession.

Parents may like the idea of a strong Government and feel that schools need some firm direction. But Mr Blunkett has acknowledged previously that he must win the backing of ordinary teachers to meet the ambitious targets he is setting. This will be doubly true as the supply of teachers is outstripped by demand.

Intervention such as yesterday's decision to send an improvement team into Hackney will command the support of many teachers, as long as they believe that the drive for improvement leaves a professional role for them.

Some will see the much-vaunted consultation on the schools White Paper as a key test of the Government's commitment to partnership. The regional conferences, which ended yesterday, disclosed alternatives to the current proposals. If the legislation to be framed later this year does not reflect at least some of them, more teachers are likely to share the SHA's disillusionment.



CHANNEL 4

Intervention by a "task force" failed to prevent the closure of Hackney Downs school last year

Schools reform blows through the Windy City

There are tears in her eyes as 14-year-old Antoinette talks about having to spend another year in elementary school rather than moving on with her friends to high school. She is one of more than 11,000 Chicago children who are being made to repeat a whole year of school work. The reason? They didn't do well enough in a one-off test of basic comprehension and maths skills. Children, so the argument goes in Chicago these days, must be made accountable for how they perform.

If there is anxiety in Britain's schools as to what the Government's "zero tolerance" approach to raising standards might mean, then what has happened to schools in Chicago over the past two years will do nothing to dispel it. Especially as Tim Brighouse, vice-chairman of the Department for Education's new Standards Task Force, is taking a close interest in Chicago school reform.

By the end of the Eighties the city had what was widely regarded as America's worst urban school system. Only a third of pupils reached the national average in reading, and 43 per cent of those who started high school dropped out. When they did, the drug gangs were ready for them. Richard Daley, Chicago's Mayor, has staked his reputation on improving performance in the city's 550 public schools.

Since 1995 the pace of reform has been startling: $800 million has been raised for structural improvements: support services have been privatised: special schools have been opened for disruptive pupils: truancy and teenage pregnancy have been targeted.

The whole strategy is underpinned by a no-excuses-for-failure philosophy of accountability. If children fail, they must pay the penalty: the same applies to the teachers. And failure is judged by one solitary standard — how pupils do in what are called the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These are marked by computer: and the day that children take them has become the single most important day in the school year.

For pupils, failure in the test means a compulsory six-week summer school; that is how 47,000 children spent their vacation this year. They were tested again at the end of the programme, and those that still failed — like Antoinette — were held back for a year.

Schools where too few pupils reach national average scores in the tests suffer Chicago's equivalent of "naming and shaming". They are placed "on probation" and have to accept advice from city-appointed private-sector consultants as to how to improve their performance. Those that still fail to improve sufficiently quickly face the ultimate sanction of "reconstitution" — which happened to seven Chicago high schools this summer.

In July every member of staff in these schools — from the head to the caretaker — was sacked. They were told they could reapply for their jobs, but of those that did 40 per cent were told not to bother reporting back in September. Careers, some of 30 years or more, were put on the line at a 30-minute interview before a panel appointed by the school board. And head teachers admit that they weren't just looking for bad teachers: they were also looking for those unsympathetic to the reform strategy.

> 'Everyone, from the head to the caretaker, is sacked'

Critics of the Chicago reforms say that it has been difficult to speak out against it, but many increasingly fear that the strategy is a runaway horse. Academic experts on school improvement are claiming that education is being reduced to preparation for the tests of basic skills: parents and local school councils — Chicago's version of boards of governors — are complaining that they're being frozen out of any dialogue.

As yet, Chicago's 27,000 teachers have been compliant — but that looks set to change. At the beginning of next academic year they will be presented with a curriculum — from kindergarten to the end of high school — that has been entirely scripted for them by the school board, down to detailed lesson plans for each day of the year. It is an extension of what already happens in summer schools, where monitors are employed to check that teachers are on the right page for the day. It will be, as the chief executive of the Chicago school system is proud to call it, "teacher-proof instruction". But it is something his critics say will force Chicago education into a straitjacket.

If close advisers to the Government are watching Chicago, then so should everyone involved with Britain's schools. Because, as yet, it is the most developed model of where zero tolerance might lead.

● *Mark Whitaker reports on Chicago school reform for* File on 4, *on Radio 4, at 7.20pm next Tuesday*

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Whatever happened to English grammar?

Language empowers; lack of it disempowers. Do we, or do we not, want schoolchildren to be empowered? The question suggested itself again this week, as the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority confirmed that its proposed grammar tests would not be compulsory for another year.

What most pupils are being taught in the name of English is depressingly disempowering. Story, report or diary writing and a whole host of other "creative" activities are usually accompanied by woolly and superficial "English literature", often working on banal books of dubious worth. The latter is usually focused firmly on content and ignores the fact that all writing consists of language.

And that's English teaching. Scant attention is paid to the nuts and bolts of how English fits together. It's like asking people to build a house without showing them how to lay bricks. Of course, the house will be hopeless and so is the written English of most school-leavers.

A despairing magazine editor told me recently of a work experience student assigned to him. "She has an English degree and is doing a course in journalism but she can't construct a sentence, let alone write a letter. She's actually unemployable," he said.

Are we to believe that the rules of basic grammar were too difficult for that young woman, now in her fourth year of higher education, to grasp? Unlikely. The awful truth is almost certainly that no one in her 17 years of full-time education has ever bothered to teach her the elementary rules of grammar or explained to her why they are important.

Many students lack the basic equipment to build a proper sentence, says **Susan Elkin**

Grammar and punctuation are mutually supportive. Surely a pupil of, say, 11 or so can grasp that in the sentence "My sister, who is learning to drive, would like a car of her own" the dependent clause, "who is learning to drive", must be marked off from the main clause with a pair of commas. Or that you can move the parts of the sentence around to create variety and nuance.

Help is at hand, however. Shirley Russell is the author of the excellent book *Grammar, Structure and Style* (OUP, £12.99). Although it purports to be a textbook for 16 to 18-year-olds studying for one of the newish A-level English language courses, Ms Russell says: "I wrote it also as a self-help manual for teachers. Few of those under 40 know anything about grammar and I hoped this book might help to break into the vicious circle, because teachers can't teach what they don't know. Yet children lose out so much if they don't understand the basic core of grammar. They can't write essays or express themselves properly."

Nonetheless, Ms Russell dismisses the complex detail of old-fashioned clause analysis. "Whoever heard of a writer saying 'I think I'll have a noun clause here'?" she asks. That is why she includes in her book the rather alarming disclaimer: "You are not asked to learn the grammar discussed in this section but simply to be aware that it once existed."

She is, however, a passionate advocate of teaching sentence structure, parts of speech and the supporting punctuation to all pupils, using the correct vocabulary. Tellingly though, she cannot find a publisher willing to commission her to write a short commonsense grammar book for use at Key Stage 3 or GCSE.

Accurately expressed and punctuated use of English adds to the clarity of communication. Are English teachers too insecure — or too conditioned to the hedonistic belief that all lessons have to be "entertaining" rather than rigorous — to be single-mindedly intent on empowering their pupils by improving their mastery of language? If so, then they might as well pack up and go home.

Chris Barton *steels himself for the start of a new term*

When September comes

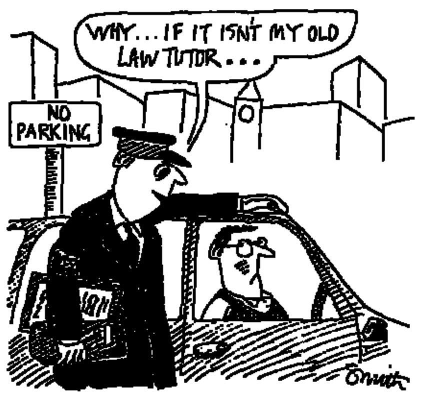
"BACK TO work then?" asks neighbour, weeks after modest holiday and the university term just started.

Head down at tray. Long list of new personal tutees. Longer list of personal tutors' duties: no sex with, fine; no hour without, not fine; explain modular system to, oh Lord.

Push past noticeboards. Reach room, unlock, lock, lean on back of door. Read last of overnight post, remember when autumn return produced nothing but three months' pay slips: this September's invigilation and marking duties alone exceeded those of many a previous golden June.

More requests for references from graduates. The less well they do after leaving, the longer they use your name. Woolworths sales assistantship for a class member of '93? Well... HMSO envelope, better. It is a badly kept secret that I act as unofficial talent spotter for the security services. Two of my placements waved gratefully from their Securicor van the other day.

Evening-class list. Well done, lots of names from last week's final sales gig. Remember when those big buildings in the middle of your town were dedicated to keeping you out? We could have dressed up like so many Mr Quelches (with or without canes) for those first open days for would-be part-time students. Now they expect a time-share presentation.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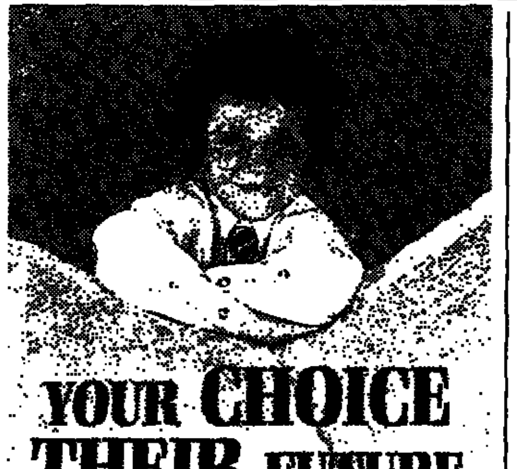

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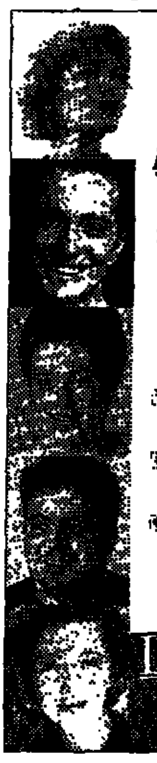

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GOLF

Torrance in search of solace

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TRY AS you might, the Ryder Cup and its attendant issues proved as unavoidable as the fog that blanketed the Forest of Arden course yesterday morning and caused a three-hour delay at the One 2 One British Masters. No matter that Mark Roe leads after a 65, over the course where three years ago he was hit on the head by a ball, or that Raymond Russell looked for a while as though he might beat the European record of eight consecutive birdies.

Throughout the day, the Ryder Cup was the dominant topic of conversation. Sam Torrance had a 69, three under par, and put his good round down to the disappointment of not making the Europe team for what would have been his ninth appearance. It brought him up with a start. For the first time for 16 years Torrance will not be directly involved in the biennial competition.

"I suppose the pressure is off me now I haven't made the team," Torrance said. "I haven't had a bigger disappointment." Then he paused. "Well, perhaps losing out to Monty [Colin Montgomerie] for the order of merit might have hurt me as much."

It had been thought that Torrance would be a member of Severiano Ballesteros's unofficial staff, one of those who act as his eyes and ears on the course; those roles went to Miguel Angel Jiménez, who is Ballesteros's vice-captain, Mark James and Tommy Horton. Torrance would have loved to have helped out and, judging by the look on his face when asked about it, he was surprised not to have been asked. Instead, he will watch events unfolding on television.

Roe's accident came when he was on the 8th tee during a pro-am and a left-handed amateur snap-hooked a ball from the 2nd tee. There was no shout of fore and Roe had no warning. One minute he was standing and joking with his amateur partners, the next he was flat on the ground having been cracked on his temple.

He can, and does, joke about it now, expecially after a round as good as yesterday's, but it was no laughing matter for the rest of the year in which it happened. He suffered headaches and bad vision and found it difficult to concentrate. Getting divorced did not help.

"I went for a brain scan and that was all clear — they couldn't find one," Roe said. "The amateur did write me a nice letter at the end of it all saying he got on the green in two and got his four and he had had a super day. Naturally I ceremoniously burned the letter."

By the time Roe got to the 8th tee yesterday, a good round was certain. He was eight under par after hitting a series of accurate iron shots. "I had a weird feeling when I walked on to the 8th because the tee was forward, at the same point where I got hit," Roe said. Perhaps this was why he made his only error of the day, mis-hitting his tee shot and chipping weakly.

After that run of eight birdies, it was as if Russell suddenly realised the significance of his achievement. To score as many birdies as that from the start of the round is remarkable, even if it only equals the achievement of five men who have also had eight consecutive birdies in European events these past 12 years. Just when the record was at his mercy, Russell hit the earth with a bang. He took a six on the 9th, a long par-four, and thus was a possible 28 turned into a 30.

IAN HODGSON

Torrance keeps his mind on the job in hand at the British Masters yesterday

Two lead as big guns misfire

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN REFRATH

KAREN PEARCE, an Australian from Toowoomba, and Maria Hjorth, a Swede from Falun, shared the lead on 67, five under par, after the first round of the Hennessy Cup at the Golf und Land-Club Koln, near Cologne, yesterday.

On a calm, sunny day, only three other players broke par to share third place on 71. They were the Anglo-Scottish Solheim Cup duo of Lisa Hackney and Dale Reid, and Joanne Mills, an affable Australian, from Sydney, with an affinity for Germany — she won the German Open in Hamburg in July, her maiden victory on the American Express Tour.

The big guns failed to fire. Laura Davies, the world No 3, is suffering a mild slump and her 75 contained only one birdie. Her putting is still a worry and the greens here are fast and tricky enough to cause concern. After the round, Davies spent a little time on the putting green, seeking some sort of rhythm by stroking the putts with her left hand while wielding a lollipop in her right.

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, the Frenchwoman who lies second on the order of merit, also struggled, to a lacklustre 74. They at least were still in touch with the leaders but Trish Johnson was seriously adrift after a 77. The Englishwoman capped a tough day by tangling with the trees at the last and taking a double-bogey seven.

Karen Lunn, the Australian who won the last tournament, in Paris, and eased through the prequalifying for the US Tour, had an unexpected 81 and Joanne Morley, the Solheim Cup player from Cheshire, also hit 80, with matching halves of 40.

Pearce, who has been commuting to the United States to play on the Futures Tour — she won an event in Syracuse last month — had no such worries and did not drop a shot, recording birdies at all four of the par-fives. Hjorth, a big hitter, did not — she had a bogey six at the 2nd — but had birdies at four of the next five holes.

HOCKEY

Slough set their sights on striking gold in Europe

BY CATHY HARRIS

THE meeting tomorrow between Slough, the premier division champions, and Hightown, the cup-holders, in the first game of the National League season will be the match of the day.

Hightown are rebuilding after losing several key players, including Maggie Souyave, the former England captain, and Caroline Gilbert, the England Under-21 defender, who has signed for the newcomers, Olton.

The title-holders also have problems, though. Karen Brown, the world's most-capped player, is out with a wrist injury and two other internationals, Sam Wright and Helen Thornalley, are ill. Sally Eyre, another England player, is not available this year because of her studies.

Sue MacDonald, the prolific Scottish forward, will make her league debut for Slough, five times the champions. Sue Chandler, the captain, said: "She has really impressed me in our preseason training. She's fast, direct, works hard and, best of all, puts the ball in the back of the net."

Chandler said that Slough's main aim this season was to win a gold medal in Europe. "We have a really versatile squad and our coach, John Shaw, has been experimenting with quite a few different line-ups and tactics. I believe everything's in place for us to win the European club championship — we're just sick and tired of coming second in both indoor and outdoor competitions."

The main challenge to the Berkshire club could, in Chandler's opinion, come from Ipswich and Clifton, who finished second and third respectively last season. She said: "They're our biggest threats. Ipswich are always a classy outfit and I thought Clifton let it slip last season, but it will also be interesting to see what Olton do."

The Warwickshire team, coached by Gavin Featherstone, swept to two successive promotions before joining the premier division. They have recruited some high-quality players, including Fiona Greenham, the England Under-21 captain, Gilbert and Helen Grant, from Hightown, and two American players, Kristen Holmes and Samantha Salvia. Olton's five England Under-21 players, recently returned from the junior World Cup in Seoul, will all be in action against Trojans.

Featherstone said: "Everyone is expecting us to do well and, although we're aware of the challenge ahead, it won't be easy. We have seven new players and it will be the first time the side has played together. My great concern is that some teams will adopt a very physical approach and we need to prepare for that."

In the first division, Leicester, relegated last season, have retained their five young England internationals and Lynn Bollington starts her twentieth season for the club. Loughborough Students, who are newly promoted and coached by Mary Nevill, the former Great Britain captain, could also be contenders for another title.

This year one team only will be automatically relegated from the second division, with the seventh-placed club going into the play-offs.

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England overwhelm Egypt

England 4
Egypt 1

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

ENGLAND delighted their supporters with a display of attacking hockey that overran Egypt and secured their second victory in the junior World Cup at Milton Keynes yesterday.

The result should boost England's confidence for the important match against Germany, the holders, tomorrow — especially the way they weathered a testing first-half display by Egypt.

The interval arrived with England clinging precariously to a 1-0 advantage obtained in the thirteenth minute, when Boyse gathered the ball from deep inside the 25-yard area and cut his way through on the right to score.

A rush through the middle by England immediately after the interval led to a short corner and David Mathews increased the lead. Mathews then wasted two good chances before he made amends in the 52nd minute by converting another short corner.

Egypt's persistence was rewarded when Mohamed Samer scored in the 56th minute. Egypt, however, undermined their efforts when they lost one of their best defenders, Amro El Fatah, who was sent off for a dangerous tackle.

England wrapped up their win in the 63rd minute with a penalty stroke converted by Simons.

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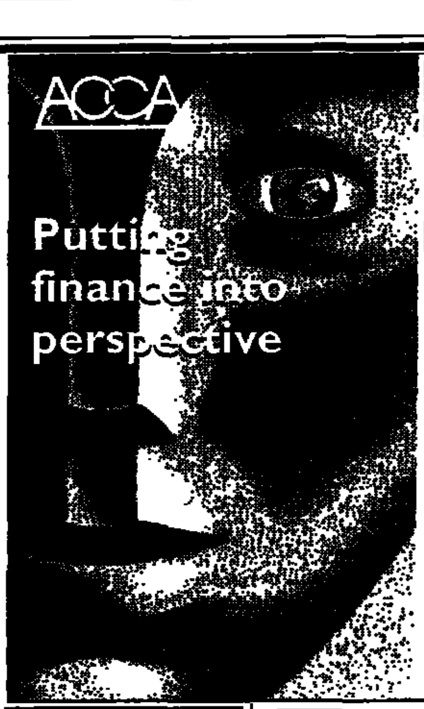

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FOOTBALL

Premiership clubs can rule Europe once more

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AS SOON as the draw was made for the Champions' League, the amateur soothsayers started reading the runes. Beware the sides that march on England, was the message they saw. In this country, the recent tendency has been to rubbish the FA Carling Premiership teams for being prosaic and to exaggerate the qualities of clubs from Italy, Spain and Germany. So it proved again.

Nobody really bothered to make many predictions about Newcastle United's match with Barcelona on Wednesday night, because it was widely assumed that they would be played off the pitch by the Catalan team. And Manchester United? Well, their fate was sealed from the moment that they found themselves in the same group as Juventus.

Wednesday night changed all that. It broke the spell that the name of Barcelona had begun to cast, exposed the fact that the best of Spain is no longer streets ahead of the best of England and that, as Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, had said in Kosice on Tuesday afternoon, Premiership clubs were nearing the end of the painful game of catch-up that they had to play once their exile from European competition was over.

After United had arrived back from Slovakia, Martin Edwards, their chairman, said that his team's chances of success were being undermined by the refusal to reduce the Premiership to 18 teams. The four groups of six, proposed by Juventus for next season, would force them to play ten games in Europe before Christmas and create a daunting fixture list.

That, though, serves to underline the advances that English clubs are making. The victories for United and Newcastle on Wednesday do not mean that they will win their groups, nor even that they will qualify, but they fitted the mood of optimism that has been sweeping through English football since Euro 96 and the success in Le Tournoi de France.

Conversely, although Barcelona were praised for much of the football that they played last year under Bobby Robson, the idea that their games were all miniature masterpieces, things of art and beauty, is romantic nonsense. In the flesh, they suffered from the same bouts of sterility that afflict England's clubs.

The lesson that the Europhile hand-wringers here seem unable or unwilling to comprehend is that some English clubs are more European in their approach than the Europeans. Faustino Asprilla, the hero of St James' Park, is hardly your traditional up-and-at-em centre forward, the blend at Chelsea and Arsenal is as exotic, the squad system as extensively used, as anywhere on the Continent.

It is the consensus now that United are only a world-class centre forward away from being the favourites to win the European Cup for the first time since 1968. Andy Cole may have scored two minutes from the end, a consolation for earlier misses, but United's comfortable 3-0 win against FC Kosice proved little. Taken together with the crushing defeat that Juventus dealt Feyenoord, though, it suggested that group B has already become a two-horse race.

A clear indicator of which team is likely to prevail will come a week on Wednesday when United face Juventus at Old Trafford. Ten days later, England play Italy at international level to decide which country qualifies automatically for the World Cup finals in France next year. Gary Neville, outstanding once more at right back for United and rapidly becoming one of his country's stalwarts, said that he believed both matches would re-establish England's reputation as a pre-eminent power in world football.

"Those ten days can make England great again," he said. "If we beat Juventus at home, I think that will give the whole nation a lot of confidence going into the international. If we do not qualify for the World Cup it will be an absolute disaster, but I am confident we can get the result in Italy. If we don't get the right results, then everything could go pear-shaped for the rest of the year.

"It is about time England and English teams started to dominate Europe again. Leicester, Liverpool, Newcastle and ourselves all got brilliant results this week. I want English teams to win all three competitions this season and I think it can happen. I think we are on the brink of a great year."

Rare talent in full bloom

David Maddock takes great delight in seeing a high-class striker at the peak of his powers

Amid the celebrations that crashed around the Newcastle United dressing-room after their unlikely victory over Barcelona sat the silent figure of Faustino Asprilla. "Everyone was going raving mad, but he just plonked himself down in the corner with a huge smile all over his face."

So explained Asprilla's team-mate, John Beresford. It is typical of the Colombia striker. He is a man of few words but he is an enigmatic character who has a smile for everyone at St James' Park. Every morning, before training, Keith Gillespie finds his windscreen wipers pulled off his shiny new BMW. It is Asprilla being impish. That same sense of mischief runs through his play on the pitch and it is this that makes him so unpredictable and so difficult an opponent.

Asprilla proved against Barcelona on Wednesday evening that he is among the best forwards playing in the world today. It was the complete all-round display of which a striker dreams. Pace, intelligence, skill and strength combined to make him a formidable rival.

Yet there remains within his personality a contradiction. He appears in one sense totally committed to his art, but in another detached from the sport that offered him a living. Even his demeanour displays this contradiction. Against Barcelona he took a penalty under intense pressure and yet made it appear like a kick-about.

He has failed to master the English language but then he does not seem to need it. His play spoke volumes on Wednesday. Even his team-mates are in awe of him. "I don't think I have seen a striker with such a complete range of skills. There's nothing he can't do," Ian Rush said. "Look at how he played against Barcelona. He scored three great goals, was brilliant in the air, held the ball up perfectly, went past people and produced tricks which had you blinking in disbelief. He deserves to be bracketed with the best."

Yet, for the first 12 months with Newcastle, he was used as an easy target for the critics who dismissed his individual style of play. Asprilla arrived on Tyneside 20 months ago and his impact was so minimal that he was blamed for his club having lost the championship to Manchester United.

Asprilla shares his joy with the crowd at St James' Park

Such accusations were grossly unfair, because Asprilla is a rare talent that needed time to settle down into the alien game that British football is to him. Now he has come to terms with the sport in his adopted country and suddenly he has gained the recognition that his range of skills deserved.

Kevin Keegan, his former manager at Newcastle, was a happy man on Wednesday night as he witnessed Asprilla deliver so spectacularly. Keegan believes the forward is now being used in his best position. "He is better up front on his own, without a partner," Keegan said. "That's what he does for Colombia and he does it incredibly well."

Whatever Asprilla thought about his performance on Wednesday, he did not feel inclined to share it, not even with his own manager and team-mates. As he left St James' Park, he ambled towards the waiting media and said simply: "You can say it for me. I don't care." That sums up the man's glorious indifference.

Grobbelaar and Segers to face FA charges

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BRUCE GROBBELAAR and Hans Segers could still receive life bans after being charged yesterday with breaking the Football Association's rules on betting. Although the two goalkeepers and John Fashanu, the former Wimbledon and England forward, were last month found not guilty of match-fixing after a second trial, they now face another legal struggle on a different charge brought by the football authorities.

The FA said that it had acted because the two goalkeepers had admitted, at their criminal trials, receiving money for forecasting the results of matches in which they had played. Any suspension from the game would cover managing and coaching, as well as playing, and would automatically be enforced by Fifa, the governing body, making the ban worldwide.

Grobbelaar and Segers, who have 14 days to respond to the charge, are free in the meantime to play professionally. Grobbelaar, 39, the former Liverpool and Zimbabwe goalkeeper, has just signed a one-month contract with Oxford United as cover for the injured Phil Whitehead and is set to make his debut against Sheffield United in the Nationwide League first division tomorrow. He has played for Southampton and Plymouth Argyle since his arrest in November 1994.

Segers, 35, the former Wimbledon and Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, has yet to play for Wolverhampton Wanderers, his present club. However, he trained with the rest of the squad yesterday for the first division match away to Sunderland tomorrow.

Fashanu has retired from playing but has applied to become a football agent. Sir John Smith, the former deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has recommended that details of the trials be forwarded to Fifa to help Fifa when it considers Fashanu's application.

Sir John, who was brought in by the FA after the acquittals of the three players and the Malaysian businessman, Heng Suan Lim, at Winchester Crown Court in August, is preparing a report on football rules and betting, which will be published next month.

After the court verdict, the FA has dropped its allegations of match-fixing against Grobbelaar, originally brought in November 1994. These were held over while the criminal cases took place.

David Hewitt, Grobbelaar's solicitor, said: "The FA's decision once and for all vindicates Bruce, who has consistently denied any involvement in match-fixing." He added that he expected Grobbelaar to ask for a personal hearing.

Mel Goldberg, Segers's solicitor, said that the Dutchman was "very disappointed" by the FA's decision to charge the player for breaking the rules on betting on matches. Goldberg said: "Hans feels that he has suffered enough over the last 2½ years and has already cleared his name in a court of law."

The only precedent for the Football Association is the case in the 1960s when ten footballers, including the England internationals, Tony Kay and Peter Swan, and their Sheffield Wednesday colleague, David Layne, were found guilty of conspiring to defraud bookmakers and sent to prison.

The FA banned Kay and Swan for life for betting against their own team in a League match, in which they were playing, against Ipswich Town in 1962. They later appealed against the bans, which were lifted after seven years.

As a result of the revelations, bookmakers, concerned about the integrity of the sport, stopped taking bets on individual matches. However, with the game's slow return to respectability, bookmakers now accept single bets on many matches but still apply a minimum of trebles to non-televised League games.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

So far our Refresher series on play at trick one has been concerned with No-Trump contracts. It is equally important to consider your early play carefully when there is a trump suit.

Dealer South **Love all**

North
♠J 10 4
♥K 10 8 7 2
♦A K 2
♣8 4

West
♠A 6 2
♥6 5
♦Q J 10 9 3
♣A 10 5

East
♠7 3
♥Q J 9
♦8 5 4
♣Q J 9 6 2

South
♠K Q 9 8 5
♥A 4 3
♦7 6
♣K 7 3

S	W	N	E
1 S	Pass	2 H	Pass
3 H	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: queen of diamonds.

This was a good sequence, both players supporting their partner's suits. South chose to play in his own suit for two reasons: first, he knew it was a strong combination; and second, on some lay-outs (as this one) it might be difficult for the defenders to attack his club holding.

With reasonable breaks declarer has no shortage of tricks (four spades, four hearts and two diamonds). He has a certain loser in each major, so it looks as if the contract will hinge on the position of the ace of clubs. If declarer wins the king of diamonds and plays a trump, West will win and continue diamonds. Declarer will win and play ace and another heart, ducking in order to preserve his communications. But East will win and play a club and declarer will lose two tricks in the suit.

Declarer can do better. He should duck the opening lead in both hands. West will probably continue diamonds. Declarer wins with the king and cashes the ace of diamonds discarding a heart. He now plays a heart to the ace, a heart to the king and ruffs a heart with the king of spades. With dummy's hearts established, he plays the queen of trumps, ensuring a dummy entry with the jack or ten.

If East had the ace of trumps the contract would still hinge on the position of the ace of clubs, but when West has it the contract is assured.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIBLICALS

ANANIAS
a. A dishonest disciple
b. An Apocryphal prophet
c. A servant

SHEM
a. A Red Sea tribe
b. Ritual purification
c. Son of Noah

ZADOK
a. A judge
b. A king
c. A priest

CALEB
a. A giant
b. A friend of Joshua
c. A mighty warrior

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's moves

After four games of the match between veteran Viktor Korchnoi and French prodigy Etienne Bacrot, the experienced former world championship contender had moved into a slight lead, thanks to his tactical acumen in the following game.

In the opening stage Korchnoi deliberately avoided main-line theory. After a fierce series of exchanges he emerged into an endgame with a slight material advantage which he succeeded in converting to victory.

White: Viktor Korchnoi
Black: Etienne Bacrot

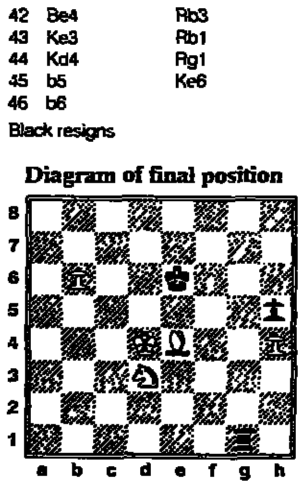
Albert, France
September 1997

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	g3	c6
3	d4	e4
4	Nc3	d5
5	cxd5	cxd5
6	Qb3	Ne7
7	Bf4	a6
8	f3	exf3
9	Nxf3	Nbc6
10	e4	Be6
11	Rd1	dxe4
12	d5	Nxd5
13	Rxd5	Bxd5
14	Nxd5	Bd6
15	Qxb7	0-0
16	Bxd6	Qxd6
17	Qxc6	Qxc6
18	Ne7+	Kh8
19	Nxc6	exf3
20	Kf2	Rac8
21	Nb4	Rc1
22	Nd3	Ra1
23	Bg2	Rxa2
24	Bxf3	Rd8
25	Rc1	g6
26	Ke3	Kg7
27	Rc7	Ra5
28	Ra7	Rd6
29	g4	Rb5
30	b4	h5
31	gxh5	gxh5
32	Bb7	Rbb6
33	Bc8	Kf6
34	Nc5	Kg6
35	Rxa6	f5
36	h4	f4+
37	Kf3	Rf6
38	Rxb6	Rxb6
39	Nd3	Rc6
40	Bb7	Rc3
41	Kxf4	Kf6
42	Be4	Rb3
43	Ke3	Rb1
44	Kd4	Rg1
45	b5	Ke6
46	b6	

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Go title

Matthew MacFadyen has regained his position as British champion in the Oriental game of go. The sixth-dan player from Leamington, who dominated British go in the 1980s and has won the European championship four times, completed a clean sweep in the title match at Milton Keynes last weekend to defeat Charles Matthews 3-0.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Glek — Bezold, Martigny 1997.

White could capture on g6 with bishop or pawn, but there would then be no obvious winning continuation. What did he do instead?

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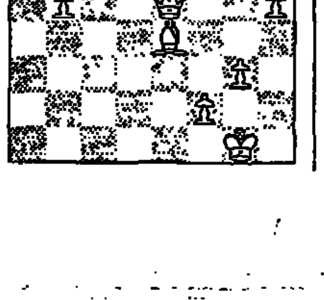

Magnificent seven ride on in Cup

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

HEARD the one about the team that travelled for an FA Cup replay with nine men, finished it with seven and still won 1-0? Preposterous as it may seem, that is just what Weston-super-Mare achieved at Cinderford Town on Tuesday night. "Well, it was seven and a half men really," Keith Refault, the Weston secretary said. "We started with only nine men, had another sent off and one who was injured and could do no more than hobble up and down the touchline."

The short-term cause of Weston's plight was the drawn match last Saturday that left them down to nine men. "We had hoped to persuade a player who had left us to come back for one more match, but he couldn't," Refault said. "And then we had a 37-year-old goalkeeper who we were prepared to send onto the outfield, but he dislocated his shoulder."

After the secret of Weston's success over their Dr Martens League rivals? "We played two at the back, five in the middle and one up front, Danny O'Hagan, a former Plymouth Argyle player, who kept three defenders busy," Refault said. "They didn't seem to know how to handle it.

"Len Ashurst, our manager, was magnificent. He was on the touchline orchestrating things from start to finish. It was like having an extra player. All his experience shone through."

The goal, beautifully struck from 20 yards, came from Craig Dann in the 78th minute. Seven minutes later O'Hagan, "who had been hacked to bits all night", was sent off for retaliation. Ryan Souter then finished the match as a passenger, after badly damaging his ankle.

How did Cinderford react to their humiliation? "They were very magnanimous," Refault said. "Their officials were a great deal more civilised about it than I would have been."

The background to Weston's feat is severe pruning of Ashurst's budget, but Salisbury City, their opponents in the second qualifying round tomorrow week, will find that team spirit remains in unlimited supply.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Group A: Galatasaray (Tur) 0 Borussia Dortmund 1, Sparta Prague 0 AS Parma 0. Group B: Juventus 5 Feyenoord 1; FC Kosice (Slovakia) 0 Manchester United 3. Group C: Newcastle United 3 Barcelona 2; PSV Eindhoven 1 Dinamo Kiev (Ukr) 3. Group D: Olympiakos (Gr) 1 FC Porto (Por) 0; Real Madrid 4 Rosenborg (Nor) 1 Group E: Paris Saint-Germain 3 IFK Gothenburg 0; Bayern Munich 2 Besiktas (Tur) 0 Group F: Sporting Lisbon 3 AS Monaco 0, Bayer Leverkusen 1 SK Lierse (Bel) 0

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Birmingham City 4 Stockport County 1, Blackburn Rovers 6 Preston North End 0; Grimsby Town 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Leeds United 3 Bristol City 1; Nottingham Forest 0 Walsall 1, Southampton 3 Brentford 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3 Carlisle United 2

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Norwich City 0 Charlton Athletic 4

SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Greenock Morton 0 Queen of the South 2

FA CUP: First qualifying-round replays: Bedlington 1 Burscough 2, St Helens 3 Great Harwood 1; Consett 1 Lancaster 2, Witney 1 Yeovil 2

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston Utd 1 Hyde Utd 1. First division: Bradford PA 1 Lincoln 1; Farsley Celtic 1 Flixton 0

ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Molesey 5 Berkhamsted 2

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division. St Leonard's 0 Sittingbourne 4

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 1 Southampton 1

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0. Second division: Lincoln City 1 York City 3; Blackpool 1 Sheffield Utd 2.

NATIONWIDE GOLD CUP: Section A: Ballyclare 1 Ballymena 0 Section B: Bangor 2 Ards 3 Section C: Omagh Town 0 Cliftonville 0

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Feltham 4 Westfield 2

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian 0 Swanley Furness 6 Cup: Sheppey Utd 4 Crockenhill 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham Town Rangers 1 Bury Town 4

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Worcester Athletico 8 Kenilworth Town 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 4 Hatfield Main 1; Sheffield 2 Hallam 0, Armthorpe Welfare 5 North Ferriby 1

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stamford 4 Spalding 3

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton 4 Chard 0

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Hartlepool 4 Harrogate Town 1; Chester 2 Barnsley 1, Emley 1 Doncaster 3, Ilkeston 2 Rochdale 1; Walsall Wood 0 Burton 5, Halesowen Town 0 Atherstone 0; Pershore 0 Gresley 4, Hitchin 5 Marlow 1, East Thurrock 2 Uxbridge 0; St Albans 1 Yeading 1; Dover 5 Whitehawk 0; Newbury AFC 1 Oxford City 3; Staines 5 Barnet 3; Harlow 3 Braintree 1; Kingstonian 0 Burgess Hill 0; Maidenhead 3 Wokingham 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: QEGS Blackburn 3 Highgate 0; Wolverhampton GS 3 City of London 1, Oswestry 2 Batley GS 2 (Oswestry win 4-2 on pens). Inter-association: Stockton 2 Hartlepool 0; Manchester 5 Rochdale 2.

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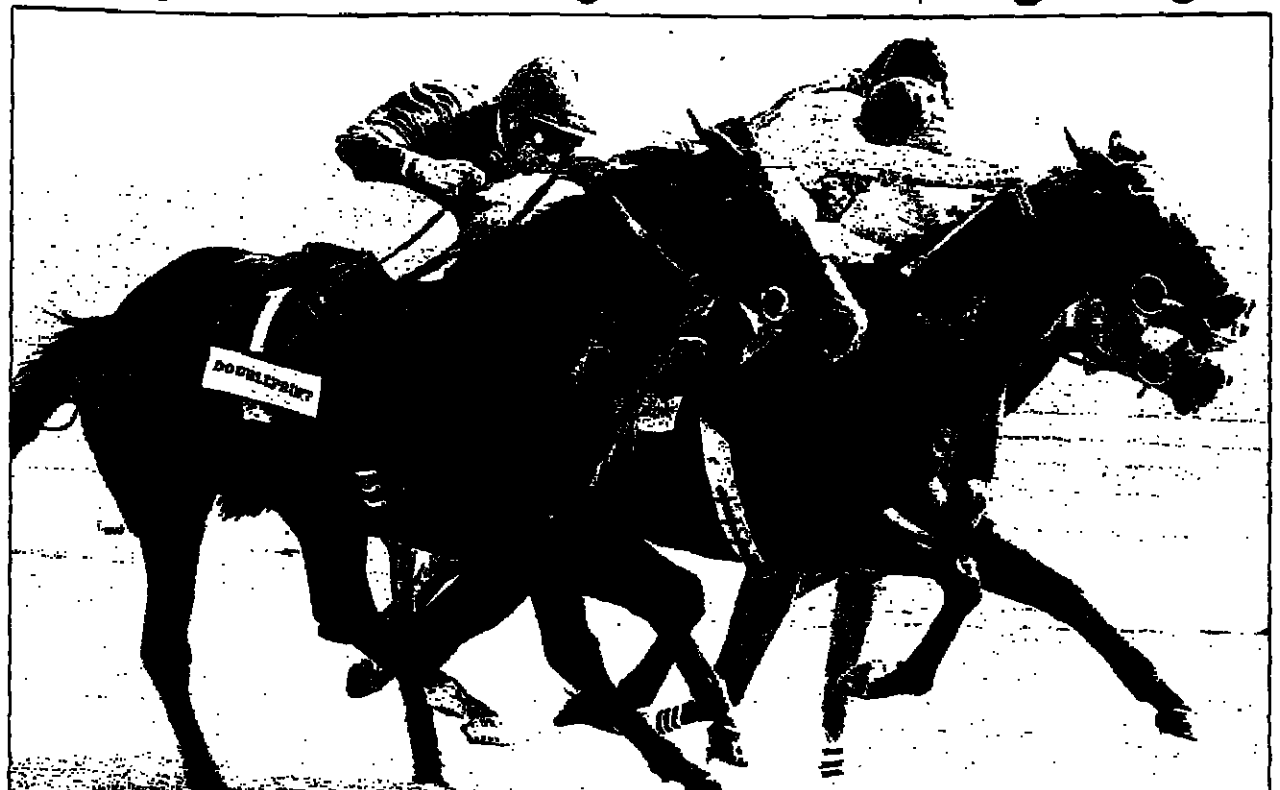
RACING: CHAMPION SIDELINED UNTIL NEXT MARCH AFTER REQUIRING SURGERY

Eddery put out by back injury

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT



Posidonas, centre, edges out Arabian Story and Swain, nearside, at Newbury. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

PAT EDDERY is to undergo major back surgery next month — and will not return to race riding until March 1998 at the earliest.

The decision, which comes only days after the 11-times champion jockey rode his 4,000th winner on Silver Patriarch in the St Leger, was taken at a hastily convened breakfast time conference yesterday involving Carolyn, his wife, and Terry Ellis, his brother-in-law and agent.

"I am gutted but just glad this didn't happen before Saturday. I will be in hospital for five days and need three weeks' convalescence to build up the spine," Eddery said yesterday.

The Irishman, 45, ricked his back in April when a horse suddenly swerved after leaving the starting stalls and the considerable pain he has suffered since then — mainly out of the saddle — led to him arranging to go into hospital on October 7 — two days after the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

However, he woke up in agony during the early hours of yesterday morning and, although he was hopeful that two days' rest would enable him to resume on Monday and partner Kilimanjaro in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot tomorrow week, his family insisted he called it a day for the season and brought forward the necessary medical treatment.

"He's out for the season," Ellis confirmed. "It's a long-standing problem which dates back to April when one came out of the gate, swerved and ricked Pat's back. It has never gone away; in fact it has got a lot worse. He was warned if the pain got down into his legs he would have to stop.

"Pat has been in terrible pain and this year has been an absolute nightmare. A disc in his back has moved somehow and it's on a nerve. He's okay once he is on a horse and leans forward as the disc comes off the nerve and he is relatively pain free. It is afterwards he has the problems.

"Pat will have surgery next month to remove the disc. He won't be riding until next March although the specialist says he should be able to ski by February."

Eddery's absence will have several trainers and owners scratching their heads — not least Wafic Said, owner of Bosra Sham, who insisted Eddery should be reunited with his top filly in the Champion Stakes after her controversial defeat in the Eclipse Stakes, when ridden by Kieren Fallon.

The absence of Eddery at Newbury yesterday meant Fallon replaced him on Arabian Story in the Doubleprint Arc Trial and the Queen's admirably progressive four-year-old recorded his best performance, being pipped a short head by Posidonas in a three-way photo-finish.

The Lord Huntingdon-trained colt has been entered for the Melbourne Cup — for which he has been allocated 8st 6lb — and the Queen is now likely to come under friendly pressure to stump up the £50,000 it costs to travel a horse to Australia's most famous race. He is certainly well treated at the weights and should relish the step up to two miles.

Clerkenwell, who has been laid out for the race at Flemington on the first Tuesday of November, finished a disappointing fifth and carried his head in an awkward manner. However, there were genuine excuses. He suffered a problem with a foot earlier in the week and had to endure a 4½-hour journey from Newmarket to Newbury before the race.

Swain, who won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on soft ground at Ascot, was sent off a 2-1 on favourite for the first running of Newbury's Arc trial and, despite leading a furlong and a half from home, could not pull away from his rivals on this much faster surface. Ladbrokes knocked the Godolphin runner out to 10-1 (from 6-1) for the Arc and he could only be supported with confidence at Longchamp if the ground was genuinely soft.

Posidonas is a gross horse who has needed his two starts this term to regain fitness. "You can only do so much with horses like that at home. The Arc has been his target for quite a while and easy ground would be in his favour," Paul Cole, his trainer, said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHELTERING SKY
(5.00 Ayr)
Next best: Holy Wine
(2.30 Ayr)

Quiet Assurance ready to confirm early potential

NEWBURY
BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Crimson Tide bounced back to near his best when third to the well-regarded Intikhab at Epsom two weeks ago, only being tapped for toe inside the final furlong. The form looks rock solid with Almushtarak, runner-up that day, having subsequently won a group three race at Doncaster. The return to ten furlongs and a more galloping track should suit the John Hills-trained runner. Canon Falls, winner of a Chester maiden on easy ground, produced his best effort when beaten 3½ lengths by Salmon Ladder at Windsor last time, but may lack the finishing speed of the selection.

3.10: Blue Gentian won a slowly-run race on her debut at Salisbury and third-placed Nebl gave the form a boost when winning at Sandown on Wednesday. Hollow Haze has been showing up nicely on the Manton gallops and Peter Chapple-Hyam has an excellent first-time strike rate at his local track. Michael Stoute's two-year-olds have invariably benefited from their first run and **Millitrix** should be no exception. Easy in the market on her debut at Salisbury 15 days ago, she led inside the final furlong but just went down to Flawless, with four lengths back to the third. Flawless subsequently finished a half-length runner-up to Midnight Line in the May Hill Stakes, so the form looks particularly good.

3.40: This race invariably throws up a winner of a quality matched by the sponsor's wines. James Toller has his string in tip-top form and believes his best two-year-old could be the Duke of Devonshire's Duck Row, who runs in the same colours as Teapot Row, winner of decent race at Doncaster last week. Blueprint is a nice two-year-old who shaped well here behind Mahboob on his debut and will improve. Glory Of Grosvenor has been pleasing at home, while Evening World trounced his rivals by 14 lengths in the York mud last time. However, **Quiet Assurance** is the clear form choice judged on his three-quarter length second to Bahr in a listed race here five weeks ago and Ed Dunlop's St Jovite colt is capable of going one better today.

4.10: Gold Blade, winner of five consecutive races last summer, ran his best race this season behind Epic Stand at Ayr last time, but the two-month break is a worry. In a wide open heat, Montecristo, Norsong, Foley's Quest and Supermick all have form chances, but it could be worth taking a risk with the well-drawn **Haya Ya Kefaah**, who is making his seasonal reappearance. Norman Babbage can get them ready first time out and his five-year-old, for whom Diana Jones is an eye-catching booking, won three better-class races over this distance last term on similar left-handed, galloping tracks.

RICHARD EVANS

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.10 Generous Embrace
2.40 Crimson Tide
3.10 Millitrix
3.40 Quiet Assurance
4.10 Duncombe Hall
4.40 **WAYPOINT** (*nap*)
5.10 Brigand

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 **MILLITRIX** (nap).

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2.10 HMV STORES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,865: 7f 64yd) (17 runners)

101	(8)	0145514	KIM'S BRAVE 6 (B,F,G) (J Sim) B Meehan 9-8 (6ex)	M Tebbutt	88
102	(9)	401102	MASTER MAC 25 (BF,D,F,S) (C Parker) R Akehurst 9-7	P Fitzsimons (7)	81
103	(6)	51	BULLION 14 (S) (W Gredley) B Hills 9-6	M Hills	90
104	(14)	013	WELCOME SUNSET 51 (S) (J Goddard) J Wharton 8-13	S Sanders	75
105	(5)	51	GENEROUS EMBRACE 22 (S) (R Green) M Bell 8-12	J Reid	87
106	(1)	010	SUNLEY SEEKER 25 (D) (Mrs J Jeyes) M Channon 8-11	L Dettori	76
107	(11)	00456	WATER FORCE 7 (B Attenborough) G Balding 8-10	P P Murphy (3)	71
108	(2)	164000	BALLET RAMBERT 28 (F) (Mrs J Wain) M Heaton-Ellis 8-10	K Fallon	78
109	(7)	500	DARING NEWS 65 (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-8	T Quinn	69
110	(17)	0540	FROLICKING 17 (D Sieff) J Dunlop 8-8	T Sprake	73
111	(16)	0010125	ACID TEST 11 (D,F) (A de V Patrick) W Muir 8-7	Martin Dwyer	95
112	(4)	34500	MIGHTY MAGIC 11 (R Tory) Mrs P Dutfield 8-5	A Clark	69
113	(10)	5502	SANTA COURT 17 (D & C Holder) R Dickin 8-1	C Rutter	78
114	(15)	5232026	UNIVERSAL LADY 10 (Universal Conference) C James 8-1	M Henry (3)	91
115	(12)	306	FAWNING 17 (J Watkins) M Blanshard 7-13	J Quinn	80
116	(13)	61400	ISLAND GIRL 48 (G) (P Banfield) D Arbuthnot 7-12	N Adams	68
117	(3)	00004	ARGUMENTATIVE 17 (T Mountain) S Dow 7-10	P Doe (7)	78

Long handicap: Kim's Brave 9-5, Argumentative 7-7.

BETTING: 9-2 Bullion, 11-2 Master Mac, 13-2 Kim's Brave, 7-1 Generous Embrace, 8-1 Sunley Seeker, 10-1 others.

1996: BALI PARADISE 9-6 T Quinn (6-1) P Cole 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Kim's Brave 5½l 4th to Lend A Hand in 1m Doncaster nursery (good to firm): previously beat Shalad'or ½l in 1m Bath nursery (good) with Acid Test (7lb better off) 4¾l 5th. Master Mac 1l 2nd to Night Flyer in 7f Epsom nursery (good to soft). Bullion beat Eco Friendly 3½l in 1m Haydock maiden auction (good to soft). Welcome Sunset 1¾l 3rd to Zena in 6f Nottingham stakes (good to firm). Generous Embrace beat Just Another Time neck in 6f Lingfield claimer (good). Santa Court 2½l 2nd to Five of Spades in 6f Pontefract nursery (good to soft)

GENEROUS EMBRACE can complete double at expense of Master Mac

2.40 TONY STRATTON SMITH MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES (£7,631: 1m 2f 6yd) (5 runners)

BBC2

201	(4)	3503005	AMRAK AJEEB 25 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 5-9-0	J Reid	112
202	(2)	-640100	CLAN BEN 52 (F,S) (Angus Dundee Plc) H Cecil 5-9-0	K Fallon	108
203	(1)	511-366	PROPER BLUE 120 (D,F,G,S) (M Legge) T Mills 4-9-0	T Quinn	104
204	(3)	3-14303	CONON FALLS 32 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	L Dettori	103
205	(5)	21-3033	CRIMSON TIDE 14 (BF,G) (C Wright) J Hills 3-8-8	M Hills	122

BETTING: 9-4 Crimson Tide, 11-4 Proper Blue, 3-1 Conon Falls, 4-1 Clan Ben, 9-2 Amrak Ajeeb

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Proper Blue 5¾l 6th to Germano in 1¼m listed Goodwood stakes (good to soft). Conon Falls 3½l 3rd to Salmon Ladder in 1¼m Windsor stakes (good to firm). Crimson Tide 3¼l 3rd to Intikhab in 1m listed Epsom stakes (good)

CRIMSON TIDE can get the better of Conon Falls

3.10 POLYGRAM MONSTER SALE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,354: 7f) (5 runners)

BBC2

301	(4)	1	BLUE GENTIAN 15 (D,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-13	L Dettori	105
302	(5)	00	AMABEL 15 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-8	M Hills	77
303	(3)		HOLLOW HAZE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	J Reid	—
304	(1)	2	MILLITRIX 15 (Mrs G Smith) M Stoute 8-8	T Quinn	95
305	(2)	0	TIYE 15 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-8	K Fallon	71

BETTING: 13-8 Blue Gentian, 2-1 Millitrix, 9-4 Hollow Haze, 8-1 Tiye, 14-1 Amabel.

1996: ETOILE 8-8 J Reid (7-1) P Chapple-Hyam 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Blue Gentian made winning debut by beating Red Rabbit 2l in 7f Salisbury maiden (good to soft) with Tiye (5lb better off) 14l 9th. Hollow Haze is Woodman filly out of the sprint-bred Libeccio. Millitrix 1l 2nd to Flawless in 7f Salisbury maiden (good to soft) with Amabel (levels) 7¼l 7th.

MILLITRIX can make most of weight concession from Blue Gentian

3.40 HAYNES, HANSON AND CLARK CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,416: 1m) (5 runners)

BBC2

401	(1)	0	BLUEPRINT 34 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-10	L Dettori	76
402	(4)		DUCK ROW (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-10	S Sanders	—
403	(5)	31	EVENING WORLD 16 (D,S) (T Hely-Hutchinson) P Cole 8-10	T Quinn	111
404	(3)		GLORY OF GROSVENOR (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10	J Reid	—
405	(2)	32	QUIET ASSURANCE 35 (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-10	K Fallon	120

BETTING: 6-5 Quiet Assurance, 13-8 Evening World, 4-1 Glory of Grosvenor, 12-1 Duck Row, 16-1 Blueprint

1996: KING SOUND 8-10 W Ryan (13-8 fav) J Gosden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Evening World beat French Connection 14l in 1m York mdn auction (soft): previously neck 3rd to Andoya in 7f Chantilly stakes (good to soft). Glory Of Grosvenor is a Caerleon colt out of the Cheshire Oaks winner Abury. Quiet Assurance ¾l 2nd to Bahr in 7f listed stakes here (good to firm).

QUIET ASSURANCE has good chance of opening his account

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Market move

Coral yesterday reported good each-way support for Musical Mayhem for the Tote Cesarewitch on October 18 and has shortened his odds to 16-1 from 25-1. The Henry Cecil-trained Canon Can heads the betting at 7-1.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing, J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

4.10 WILLIAM HILL SILVER CLEF HANDICAP
(Lady amateurs: £4,709: 1m 4f 5yd) (22 runners)

BBC2

501	(22)	3010040	PUNKAH 63J (F) (McCourt Fine Meats) G McCourt 4-11-7	M O'Sullivan (5)	48
502	(5)	21-0020	PROSPERO 14 (D,G) (Mrs G Scruton) Mrs A Perrett 4-11-7	A Perrett	51
503	(19)	1603410	OPERA BUFF 25 (D,F,S) (D Watson) Miss G Kelleway 6-11-5	L Vollaro (5)	40
504	(4)	0-54226	TWO SOCKS 22 (F) (Mrs S Marks) J King 4-11-3	S Samworth	47
505	(3)	101201-	HAYA YA KEFAAH 357 (D,F,G,S) (A Craddock) N Babbage 5-11-3	D Jones	46
506	(16)	0565041	MONTECRISTO 32 (D,F,G) (R Guest) R Guest 4-11-3	R Flynn (5)	41
507	(21)	056	SHEEP STEALER 46 (R Peacock) R Peacock 9-11-2	C Peacock	28
508	(14)	145-600	FROZEN SEA 9 (F) (Dals Partners) G Enright 6-11-0	M Enright (5)	47
509	(15)	400P422	GOLD BLADE 62 (D,F,G) (A Old) J Pearce 8-10-11	L Pearce	45
510	(18)	1065060	TASIK CHINI 29 (D,G) (H R H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 3-10-3	S Higgins	46
511	(10)	05-0310	THE ROUNDSILLS 56 (D,G) R J-Houghton 3-10-2	E J-Houghton	49
512	(17)	0002250	REHAAB 3 (V,F) (Mrs J Laycock) Miss B Sanders 4-10-0	L Sheen	59
513	(8)	-600011	NORSONG 31 (D,F) (Golfers Partnership) J Akehurst 5-10-0	J Allison	44
514	(7)	6303320	STALLED 41 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Walwyn) P Walwyn 7-9-13	B Blandford	43
515	(2)	01034d3	BREEZED WELL 37 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Noonan) K Wingrove 11-9-10	H Noonan	49
516	(9)	6526	FOLEYS QUEST 27 (BF) (E Houghton) J S Moore 3-9-7	S Moore	36
517	(13)	50-2622	SUPERMICK 23J (D,F,G) (P Clarke) W Muir 6-9-5	M Cowdrey	39
518	(11)	/001-20	SIBERIAN MYSTIC 16 (F) (Glenferry Pins) P Murphy 4-9-5	L Green (5)	51
519	(12)	1660/00	KRAYYAN DAWN 31 (D,F) (R Greatorex) J Akehurst 7-9-5	K Hills (5)	43
520	(6)	0350/0/	SAINT CIEL 132J (F,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 9-9-5	E Jones	—
521	(20)	3340010	DUNCOMBE HALL 4 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-4	S Bosley	51
522	(1)	-006020	STRAT'S LEGACY 17 (D,F) (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 10-9-2	J Moore	46

BETTING: 5-1 Gold Blade, 7-1 Montecristo, 8-1 Opera Buff, Norsong, 10-1 Duncombe Hall, 12-1 Two Socks, Stalled, Breezed Well, Siberian Mystic, 14-1 others.

1996: DOUBLE ECHO 8-9-12 Eve Johnson Houghton (20-1) J Bethell 22 ran

FORM FOCUS Prospero 18l 12th to Dance So Suite in 1½m Epsom handicap (good); previously 1½l 2nd to Bold Buster in 1m3½l Lingfield handicap (good to soft) with Two Socks (1lb better off) 4¾l 6th. Opera Buff 18l 7th of 12 to Shaft Of Light in 1½m Epsom amateur handicap (good to soft). Haya Ya Kefaah beat Sugar Mill neck in 1½m Haydock handicap (good). Montecristo beat Lord Advocate 3½l in 1m3f Hamilton apprentice handicap (good). Gold Blade 2½l 2nd to Epic Stand in 1m1f Ayr amateur handicap (good to firm); previously 5l 2nd to Breezed Well (2lb worse off) in 1¼m Beverley ladies' handicap (heavy). Norsong beat Zamalek ½l in 1½m Folkestone handicap (good to firm) with Krayyan Dawn (10lb better off) 37l 10th. Supermick 5l 3rd to Taxsien in 1½m apprentice handicap (good)

MONTECRISTO is narrowly preferred to Gold Blade

4.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP
(£6,288: 7f 64yd) (12 runners)

601	(9)	2312100	WAYPOINT 15 (CD,F) (R Richards) R Charlton 4-10-0	T Quinn	92
602	(4)	201030-	PRIMO LARA 318 (D,F) (Thanet Leasing Ltd) P Harris 5-9-9	M Hills	—
603	(2)	6434300	STAR TALENT 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 6-9-9	S Whitworth	79
604	(7)	232116	JORROCKS 27 (BF,D,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-9-8	L Dettori	82
605	(10)	310-25	ALL IS FAIR 8 (F) (Miss K Rausing) M Prescott 3-9-4	S Sanders	84
606	(3)	6445150	GOLDEN POUND 6 (F,G) (A Griffin) Gay Kelleway 5-9-4	K Fallon	81
607	(1)	0331103	SWORD ARM 29 (V,BF,F) (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 3-9-2	T Sprake	79
608	(6)	2166102	MARJAANA 15 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs D Samworth) P Walwyn 4-8-13	R Hills	90
609	(5)	2/1-006	ANGEL CHIMES 25 (D,F,G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) J Banks 4-8-8	J Stack	86
610	(12)	0446200	BLEWBURY HILL 21 (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7	J Reid	79
611	(8)	2055102	BANZHAF 17 (D,F) (B Pennock) G L Moore 4-8-6	A Clark	93
612	(11)	0100000	STRAT'S QUEST 60 (S) (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 3-7-13	Martin Dwyer	76

BETTING: 4-1 Sword Arm, 5-1 All Is Fair, 7-1 Jorrocks, Golden Pound, Marjaana, 8-1 Waypoint, 10-1 Star Talent, Banzhaf, 14-1 others.

1996: DUELLO 5-7-11 J Quinn (15-2) M Blanshard 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Primo Lara 5l 7th to Cretan Gift in 6f Redcar handicap (firm). Jorrocks 4¾l 6th to Cybertechnology in 7f Newmarket handicap (good to firm). All Is Fair 2l 5th to Aunty Jane in 7f Doncaster listed race (good to firm). Sword Arm 3¼l 3rd to Conspicuous in 1m Salisbury handicap (good to firm). Marjaana 3l 2nd to La Modiste in 7f Salisbury fillies handicap (good to soft) with Waypoint (2lb better off) 7¾l 9th. Angel Chimes 5¼l 6th to Safio in 7f Newcastle handicap (good). Blewbury Hill 14l 12th to Shawm in 1m Sandown handicap (good to soft). Banzhaf ½l 2nd to Victory Team in 7f Folkestone handicap (good)

JORROCKS is better than his Newmarket run and can return to winning ways

5.10 AMERADA MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,747: 1m) (12 runners)

1	(11)	0	BOB KNOWS 15 (A Hamson) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid	—
2	(2)	2	BRIGAND 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0	K Fallon	83
3	(9)		GHALIB (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	R Hills	—
4	(7)	263	LAWZ 14 (H al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	S Sanders	87
5	(10)	3	LIMNI 46 (Marchos Family) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	G Hind	79
6	(3)	5-2	MOUNT HOLLY 118 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	85
7	(4)		PRIDE OF NARVIK (A Boon) M Channon 9-0	M Hills	—
8	(5)	60	BESTEMOR 10 (M Berger) H Candy 8-9	C Rutter	70
9	(12)	0-000	DESPINA 38 (B) (Earl Cadogan) H Candy 8-9	N Adams	—
10	(6)		EIDER HILL (W Cornish) D Morris 8-9	N Day	—
11	(1)	00	EVIDENTLY 32 (Baron F Oppenheim) I Balding 8-9	Martin Dwyer	—
12	(8)	2	STAR GAMBIT 20 (Mrs V Kralr Payson) R Akehurst 8-9	T Quinn	86

BETTING: 9-4 Brigand, 11-4 Mount Holly, 7-2 Star Gambit, 7-1 Ghalib, 8-1 Limni, 10-1 Lawz, 16-1 Bestemor, Evidently, 20-1 others.

1996: THREADNEEDLE 9-0 L Dettori (7-1) Lord Huntingdon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Brigand ¾l 2nd to Solar Storm in 1m York maiden at York (soft) with Bob Knows (levels) 30l 7th. Ghalib Soviet Star colt, half-brother to 1m and 1m2f winner Hadeel. Lawz 5½l 3rd to Summerosa in 1m 114yd Epsom maiden (good). Limni 16l last of 3 to Monitor in 1m 2f Ripon maiden (good to firm). Mount Holly 5l 2nd to Marie Dora in 1m Kempton maiden (good). Pride Of Narvik Pharly colt, half-brother to useful sprinter Domulla and winning jumper Belalonie. Star Gambit neck 2nd to Sceptre Lady in 1m Sandown maiden (soft) with Bestemor (levels) 12l 6th

BRIGAND need make only normal improvement to open his account

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	36	140	25.7	L Dettori	49	236	20.8
P Chapple-Hyam	38	170	22.4	J Reid	57	306	18.6
Miss G Kelleway	6	30	20.0	G Hind	5	35	14.3
R Charlton	20	122	16.4	K Fallon	8	58	13.8
B Hanbury	8	51	15.7	M Hills	23	196	11.7
S Dow	6	42	14.3	T Quinn	31	265	11.7

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: Good to firm

2.10 (7f) 1, Dr Fong (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Distant Mirage (5-4 fav); 3, Mubrik (13-2) 17 ran. ½l, ½l H Cecil. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £7.20 Trio £9.00 CSF: £17.56

2.40 (1m 3f 5yd) 1, Posidonas (T Quinn, 8-1), 2, Arabian Story (11-2), 3, Swain (1-2 fav) 5 ran sh hd, sh hd P Cole. Tote: £7.30: £2.50, £1.90 DF: £19.20 CSF: £38.59

3.10: (5f 34yd) 1, Eveningperformance (C Rutter, 9-1), 2, Dashing Blue (7-1); 3, Bollin Joanne (2-1 fav). 16 ran. 1l, 1¼l. H Candy. Tote: £10.70; £2.90, £2.70, £1.40, DF: £34.10. Trio: £51.40. CSF: £60.18.

3.40 (7f) 1, Russian Revival (8-1); 2, Hidden Meadow (11-2); 3, Centre Stalls (9-2) Bint Albeadiya 7-2 fav 11 ran. ¾l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £7.80; £2.20, £1.70, £1.70 DF. £29.10. Trio: £32.40. CSF: £45.20.

4.10 (2m) 1, Jiyush (9-1); 2, Grey Shot (6-1), 3, Go Britannia (9-1). Shaft Of Light 3-1 fav 10 ran 2½l, 1¾l E Dunlop. Tote: £7.70; £2.90, £2.00, £2.40; DF £14.30 Trio: £40.00 CSF: £56.98. Tricast: £458.54.

4.40 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Arriving (16-1); 2, Shaska (7-1); 3, Yabint El Sultan (14-1). 4, Silver Whirl (20-1). Summer Dance 7-4 fav. 17 ran. nk, 2l. J Hills. Tote: £18.50; £2.30, £2.50, £3.90, £3.80. DF: £62.00. Trio: £549.80 CSF: £112.23 Tricast: £1,512.93.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £37,411.73 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £384.60. Quadpot: £39.90.

Ayr

Going: good to soft

2.00 (5f) 1, Kattiesing (D Holland, 15-2), 2, Patsy Culsyth (14-1); 3, Carol Singer (8-1) 12 ran ½l, nk. M W Easterby. Tote: £9.90: £3.70, £1.80, £2.50 DF: £34.30 CSF: £93.40 Trio: £92.00. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

2.30 (7f) 1, Arctic Air (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Set Trail (33-1); 3, Requestor (13-8 fav) 14 ran 1¼l, 5l. E Weymes. Tote: £5.70; £1.70, £6.30, £1.20 DF: £623.60. CSF: £174.62 Trio: £111.40.

3.00 (5f) 1, Halmahera (Martin Dwyer, 9-4 fav), 2, Its All Relative (10-1), 3, Friar Tuck (10-1) 9 ran. ¾l, 1l I Balding. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £3.10, £2.30 DF £20.40 CSF. £23.11. Trio: £61.30. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood

3.30 (5f) 1, Just Bob (D McKeown, 7-1), 2, Camionneur (14-1), 3, Swynford Dream (14-1); 4, Gold Edge (16-1) 25 ran. NR Mungo Park. 1½l, ½l, nk. S Kettlewell. Tote: £6.60: £1.70, £2.60, £4.60, £7.20 DF: £59.50 CSF: £83.50 Tricast: £1,251.70. Trio £648.70

4.00 (1m 7f) 1, Heart Of Gold (A McGlone, 10-1); 2, Royal Crown (7-1); 3, Tanoen (9-1) 10 ran NR. Vicio Romara 1¼l, 2½l Miss S Hall Tote £11.00; £2.40, £2.30, £2.40 DF: £47.40 CSF: £72.67 Tricast: £603.73 Trio £205.80

4.30 (1m 2f 192yd) 1, Philmist (Miss A Elsey, 14-1), 2, Mr Fortywinks (16-1), 3, Farfields Prince (7-1), 4, Bold Buster (4-1 fav) 20 ran. 1¼l, 3l. Miss L Perratt Tote: £20.50; £3.20, £2.40, £2.00, £1.60 DF: £99.40 CSF £213.96 Tricast: £1,600.10 Trio. £110.50

5.00 (6f) 1, Desert Sand (E Johnson, 10-1): 2, Ryefield (12-1): 3, Mamma's Boy 14-1) 14 ran. 3l, 1¼l Miss S Hall Tote: £27.30, £4.90, £4.70, £3.40 DF £140.00 CSF. £117.43 Trio: £231.20.

Placepot: £310.30. Quadpot: £80.80.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.20 (1m 3yd) 1, Shark (O Pears, 16-1): 2, Clouds Hill (4-1 fav); 3, Forest Robin (10-1); 4, Tabasco Jazz (14-1). 19 ran. NR Gablesea. 1½l, ¾l K Morgan. Tote: £31.00, £6.40, £1.50, £3.00, £4.20 DF: £195.80 CSF: £78.73 Tricast: £685.49 Tote Trio: £388.90

2.50 (1m 3yds) 1, Dower House (W Ryan, 5-4 fav): 2, Plan-B, (7-4); 3, Goldfill (14-1) 8 ran 1¼l, 4l W Jarvis. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.30, £1.60 DF. £1.50 CSF: £3.34.

3.20 (1m 3yd) 1, Sick As A Parrot (M Hills, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Rebatsa (7-1); 3, Colleville (3-1 jt-fav) 9 ran. NR: Mumoon ¾l, 1¾l C Dwyer Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.80, £1.80 DF: £10.00 CSF: £21.49. Tricast: £60.68 Trio £20.20

3.50 (2m 2f 51yd) 1, Motet (M Hills, 7-2), 2, Etterby Park (13-2): 3, City Hall (7-2). 1¼l, hd. G Wragg Tote: £4.00; £2.10, £3.00 DF: £18.40 CSF. £23.40

4.20 (6f 3yds) 1, Raise A King (G Carter, 11-4): 2, Shawdon (9-2); 3, Designer (4-5 fav) 4 ran. NR: Bermuda Boy 1¼l, ¾l. J Payne Tote: £3.60 DF £5.50 CSF: £12.96.

4.50 (6f 3yd) 1, Gay Breeze (J Fowle, 5-1 jt-fav): 2, Oxbane (14-1); 3, Maladone (6-1). 3, Opening Range (5-1 jt-fav). 18 ran. NR Hopeful Bid, Storyteller ¾l, ¾l. P Felgate Tote: £8.40, £1.80, £5.70, £2.40, £1.60 DF: £173.80 CSF £77.15. Tricast £315.00 Trio £122.90.

5.20 (6f 3yd) 1, Be Warned (M Wigham, 7-1); 2, Mezzoramio (7-1); 3, Suite Factors (12-1, 4, Southern Dominion (5-1 fav) 18 ran NR. Badnrath, Gablesea ¾l, ½l J Pearce Tote £7.70; £1.90, £1.80, £3.10, £1.90 DF: £23.80 CSF: £55.19 Tricast £587.51 Trio. £60.80

Placepot: £72.60. Quadpot: £30.50.

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THUNDERER
2.00 Brighstone. 2.30 Holy Wine. 3.00 Confirmation. 3.30 Fizzed. 4.00 Fantastic Flame. 4.30 Arian Spirit. 5.00 Pericles.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.00 **CONFIRMATION.**

GOING: SOFT — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 VLADIVAR CLASSIC CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,766: 1m 1f) (12 runners)

1	(11)	-040	NIGHT CITY 14 (D,S) K Burke 6-9-10	D Holland	87
2	(2)	6000	BREAK THE RULES 6 (F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-9-6	A Greaves	85
3	(9)	1305	RUNNING GREEN 18 (V,C,G) D Moffatt 6-8-12	D Moffatt (3)	75
4	(1)	00-6	DEADLINE TIME 16 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11	K Darley	87
5	(8)	1511	BRIGHSTONE 16 (D,F,S) M Pipe 4-8-9	A McGlone	90
6	(4)	3412	SCARABEN 55J (C,D,F) S Kettlewell 9-8-9	J Fortune	80
7	(6)	0030	TRYING TIMES 16 (S) J Berry 4-8-6	T E Durcan (3)	65
8	(10)	0005	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 24J (V,G) D Thom 8-8-7	A Sanders	64
9	(7)	0/00	FLOWER MILLER 24 J Hanson 4-8-7	E Johnson	—
10	(12)	3350	ZORBA 25 (D,G) J Hetherton 3-8-6	N Kennedy	58
11	(5)	6643	FALLS O'MONESS 4 K Burke 3-8-2	J F Egan	69
12	(3)	0654	CHANSON D'AMOUR 18 L Perratt 3-8-0	J McAuley (7)	41

7-4 Brighstone, 5-1 Scaraben, 7-1 Break The Rules, 8-1 Night City, Falls O'Moness, 10-1 Deadline Time, 12-1 Running Green, Zorba, 20-1 others

2.30 AON CONSULTING LTD DEBRA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £7,886: 1m) (16)

1	(13)	1330	FLOWER O'CANNIE 25 (S) M W Easterby 9-7	G Parkin (3)	94
2	(16)	0551	TAKE A TURN 20 (S) M Channon 9-2	J Carroll	87
3	(15)	6160	NAVIASKY 8 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	J Fortune	90
4	(3)	300	CLARITY 28 A Jarvis 8-13	C Lowther (5)	85
5	(7)	0214	FLOW BY 42 (BF,F) J Dunlop 8-12	K Darley	90
6	(1)	1054	FASHION VICTIM 17 (F) T Caldwell 8-8	A Culhane	85
7	(4)	0001	HOLY WINE 10 (D,G) D Loder 8-6 (5ex)	R Cochrane	98
8	(2)	3330	TEARAWAY 25 J Watts 8-4	G Duffield	90
9	(9)	2440	DURHAM FLYER 44 T Easterby 8-4	L Charnock	94
10	(14)	000	RIVER BEAT 30 M Tompkins 8-2	D Biggs	80
11	(11)	534	MISS SALSA DANCER 32 D Smith 8-2	P Fessey (3)	91
12	(10)	4510	CHASKA 15 (V,F) A Bailey 8-1	D Wright	85
13	(12)	050	HIDING PLACE 39 M Bell 8-0	R Mullen (5)	79
14	(8)	055	DISCO TEX 39 M W Easterby 7-10	Dale Gibson	94
15	(6)	0046	BLACK JET 56 N Littmoden 7-10	R Ffrench (3)	80
16	(5)	006	REACH FOR A STAR 55 C Thornton 7-10	E Johnson	76

7-2 Flow By, 6-1 Take A Turn, Holy Wine, Naviasky, 10-1 Tearaway, 12-1 others.

3.00 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,112: 7f) (6)

1	(2)	1	BERGEN 63 (F) J Hanson 9-5	E Johnson	84
2	(1)	01	CONFIRMATION 11 (D) M Prescott 9-5	G Duffield	106
3	(4)	1	HO LENG 32 (F) Miss L Perratt 9-5	N Kennedy	83
4	(5)	4150	BUZZ 8 (D,S) C Thornton 9-3	Dean McKeown	85
5	(3)		KING OF THE RIVER P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	K Darley	—
6	(6)	060	MR MIYAGI 1 A Bailey 8-12	D Wright	80

7-4 Bergen, 9-4 King of The River, 7-2 Confirmation, 7-1 Ho Leng, 14-1 others.

3.30 SHADWELL STUD FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £18,592: 6f) (14)

1	(1)	1036	FILEY BRIGG 28 (F,S) W Kemp 8-13	S Drowne	114
2	(10)	1141	REGAL REVOLUTION 15 (CD,S) P Walwyn 8-13	J Lowe	106
3	(4)	3212	TADWIGA 9 (D,S) R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill	105
4	(11)	1312	HOH CHI MIN 15 (D,S) M Bell 8-11	R Cochrane	109
5	(14)	331	THANKSGIVING 17 (G) D Chappell 8-11	G Carter	112
6	(2)	2001	AJIG DANCER 11 (G) M Channon 8-8	J Fortune	108
7	(9)	1042	ASCOT CYCLONE 9 (D,F) B Hills 8-8	Paul Eddery	118
8	(13)	2214	CLOUDBERRY 34 (F) B Meehan 8-8	G Duffield	104
9	(7)	2156	CONECTIS 20 (D,S) D Cosgrove 8-8	J Carroll	99
10	(12)	41	FIZZED 38 (S) M Johnston 8-8	D Holland	106
11	(8)	2015	LIKELY STORY 9 (D,S) J Dunlop 8-8	J Weaver	101
12	(3)	0	POETRY IN MOTION 41 E Alston 8-8	J F Egan	—
13	(6)	114	SAPPHIRE RING 83 (BF,D,G,S) R Charlton 8-8	K Darley	115
14	(5)	4210	SELKIRK ROSE 24 (G) Miss L Perratt 8-8	A McGlone	101

9-2 Tadwiga, 11-2 Sapphire Ring, Likely Story, Regal Revolution, 10-1 others.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
2.20 Shelton Abbey. 2.50 Euro Singer. 3.20 More Than You Know. 3.50 I Have Him. 4.20 Antiguan Flyer. 4.50 James Pigg. 5.20 Snowboy.

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2.20 YORKSHIRE BANK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,881: 3m 2f) (10 runners)

1	3-23	MILZIG 15 (F) J Joseph 8-11-10	C Llewellyn
2	P00-	OUR RAINBOW 192 Mrs P Sly 5-11-2	J Culloty
3	P-R5	DRAGONMIST 15 (S) J R Best 7-11-1	S Curran
4	3-55	SHELTON ABBEY 22 (B,F,G,S) J Wade 11-11-0	P Carberry
5	0P-P	TOMMY COOPER 29F Mrs B Waring 6-10-10	E Byrne
6	/0/3	MICK'S TYCOON 65 (G,S) T Watson 9-10-9	W Marston
7	-506	CAN SHE CAN CAN 27 C Smith 5-10-8	M Ranger
8	410-	AWESTRUCK 93F (B,D,F) B Preece 7-10-8	J Mogford (7)
9	5P-3	WICKENS ONE 25 D Geraghty 7-10-2	R Supple
10	3-00	BAYLORD PRINCE 15 (F,S) J A Ewes 9-10-0	Sophie Mitchell (5)

7-2 Milzig, 4-1 Shelton Abbey, 6-1 Awestruck, 7-1 Mick's Tycoon, 8-1 Tommy Cooper, Can She Can Can, Wickens One, 10-1 others.

2.50 BOB ARNOLD MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE
(£2,819: 2m 110yd) (4)

1	F-51	FED ON OATS 16 (D,G,S) Miss V Williams 9-11-3	N Williamson
2	F-2P	CHIAPPUCCI 6 (G,S) Mrs E Heath 7-10-10	A Thornton
3	15F-	EURO SINGER 47F (D,F) T Keddy 5-10-8	R Johnson
4	34F-	SNOWDON LILY 241 P R Webber 6-10-5	J Osborne

4-5 Fed On Oats, 7-2 Euro Singer, 5-1 Snowdon Lily, 6-1 Chiappucci.

3.20 CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,478: 2m 110yd) (11)

1	4-12	RODERICK HUDSON 38 (BF,D,G) J Toller 5-11-3	N Williamson
2	00-	BARTHOLOMEW FAIR 239 C Dwyer 6-10-10	I Lawrence
3	P/	CHALKY DANCER 24F H Collingridge 5-10-10	V Smith
4		CURTELACE 17F M Bielby 7-10-10	P Carberry
5	/PP-	FIVE FROM HOME 111 (D,G) J Joseph 9-10-10	C Llewellyn
6	1	MORE THAN YOU KNOW 8 (G) K Burke 4-10-10	A P McCoy
7	2U4-	SNOWY PETREL 132 (BF) C Mann 5-10-10	R Dunwoody
8		CALLALOO 216F K Wingrove 4-10-8	J Ryan
9		DIESEL DAN 52F J Jenkins 4-10-8	A Maguire
10		MERCURY 35F J Glover 4-10-8	D Pears
11		MAZILLA 21F A Streeter 5-10-5	T Eley

6-4 More Than You Know, 7-2 Snowy Petrel, 9-2 Roderick Hudson, 10-1 Mercury, 12-1 Diesel Dan, 14-1 Mazilla, 16-1 Curtelace, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 6 winners from 24 runners, 25.0%, N Henderson, 8 from 34, 23.5%; R Curtis, 4 from 19, 21.1%; R Lee, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Pearce, 5 from 31, 16.1%, Mrs D Haine, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 15 winners from 62 rides, 24.2%; A McCoy, 6 from 28, 21.4%; W Marston, 11 from 55, 20.0%, R Dunwoody, 16 from 87, 18.4%; R Johnson, 4 from 24, 16.7%, A Maguire, 13 from 80, 16.3%.

4.00 FAUCETS FOR MEYNELL SAFEMIX VALVES FILLIES HANDICAP (£5,800: 1m 2f) (12)

1	(4)	0011	CAPILANO PRINCESS 51 (D,F,G,S) D H-Jones 4-10-0	S Drowne	84
2	(6)	0221	SWEET CONTRALTO 28 (F,S) D Loder 3-9-3	R Cochrane	95
3	(9)	0206	STONE FLOWER 9 (C,G) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-5	R Havlin (3)	90
4	(2)	2406	BEST OF ALL 41 (B,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-1	K Darley	77
5	(5)	1-25	AJAYIB 116 (G) J Dunlop 3-9-1	G Carter	89
6	(12)	0610	FANTASTIC FLAME 25 (D,G) P Makin 3-9-0	J Fortune	97
7	(11)	0600	REBEL COUNTY 8 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-8-12	R Ffrench (3)	88
8	(7)	-250	DOUBLE ESPRESSO 14 (G) M Johnston 3-8-8	DOUBTFUL	—
9	(8)	3006	TOPATORI 17 (F) M Tompkins 3-8-6	D Biggs	80
10	(1)	2340	PEPPERS 23 K Burke 4-8-4	D Holland	95
11	(10)	1500	STEP N GO 14 (D,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-4	J F Egan	90
12	(3)	5004	WHAT HAPPENED WAS 42 (C,F) M Meade 3-8-3	R Brisland (7)	89

9-4 Sweet Contralto, 4-1 Capilano Princess, 8-1 Ajayib, 10-1 Stone Flower, Topatori, What Happened Was, 14-1 Best Of All, Peppers, 20-1 others

4.30 ROBERT WYPER MOTORS HANDICAP
(£5,266: 2m 1f 105yd) (13)

1	(2)	2345	SHIRLEY SUE 25 (F,G) M Johnston 4-9-10	J Weaver	75
2	(6)	5003	OPAQUE 16 (G) W Storey 5-9-1	J Fortune	82
3	(12)	1306	GRAND CRU 76 (S) J Cullinan 6-9-0	K Darley	77
4	(3)	201-	GREAT EASEBY 370 (F) W Storey 7-8-12	J Fanning	—
5	(4)	5111	AZTEC FLYER 25 (B,F,S) C Brittain 4-8-8	R Cochrane	78
6	(10)	1361	HASTA LA VISTA 20 (B,F,G,S) M W Easterby 7-8-7	G Parkin (3)	70
7	(8)	5135	CLASSIC LINE 29 (B,BF,G) J Dunlop 3-8-3	G Carter	73
8	(5)	1050	THUNDERHEART 4 (B,F,G) R Allan 6-7-12	D Wright	66
9	(7)	3210	ARIAN SPIRIT 33 (V,C,D,F,S) J Eyre 6-7-11	T Williams	84
10	(9)	-161	SELMESTON 36 (D,G,S) S C Williams 5-7-10	R Ffrench (3)	77
11	(1)	5323	BELLE BIJOU 37 M Johnston 3-7-10	J Lowe	79
12	(11)	0360	HOH EXPLORER 11 D Barker 3-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3)	70
13	(13)	42/5	AMBUSCADE 17 (CD,S) Mrs J Jordan 11-7-10	A Nicholls (7)	60

3-1 Aztec Flyer, 9-2 Shirley Sue, 5-1 Great Easeby, 7-1 Hasta La Vista, 8-1 Opaque, Arian Spirit, 14-1 Classic Line, 16-1 others

5.00 WHYTE & MACKAY SPECIAL RESERVE HANDICAP (£6,613: 7f) (18)

1	(4)	1030	TREASURE TOUCH 30 (F,S) D Nicholls 3-9-10	Alex Greaves	85
2	(3)	612	SHELTERING SKY 63 (BF,D,S) J Dunlop 3-9-9	K Darley	95
3	(12)	4320	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 25 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	D Griffiths (3)	96
4	(11)	4200	PERICLES 15 (D,S) M Johnston 3-8-11	D Holland	94
5	(7)	4000	GARNOCK VALLEY 41 (B,C,F,G,S) J Berry 7-8-11	G Carter	70
6	(13)	0006	CELEBRATION CAKE 32 (CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 5-8-10	Dean McKeown	70
7	(10)	6105	CEE-N-K 47 (D,F) M Johnston 3-8-10	J Weaver	80
8	(18)	3036	COLWAY RITZ 25 (B) J Watts 3-8-10	J Carroll	97
9	(17)	3300	NIGHT FLIGHT 25 (G) J J O'Neill 3-8-10	R Ffrench (3)	90
10	(5)	3005	REGAL THUNDER 17 (V) M Stoute 3-8-7	Paul Eddery	84
11	(2)	5441	DENBRAE 30 (D,F,G) D Murray Smith 5-8-6	C Lowther (5)	90
12	(9)	0055	KNOBBLEENEEZE 7 (D,S) M Channon 7-8-6	J Fortune	85
13	(14)	0650	ROYAL RESULT 15 (F) M W Easterby 4-8-6	T Lucas	79
14	(15)	15-0	REDOUBTABLE 35 (D,F,G) D Chapman 6-8-6	A Culhane	80
15	(6)	1611	RYMER'S RASCAL 15 (D,F,S) E Alston 5-8-6	J F Egan	90
16	(16)	1001	MYTTONS MISTAKE 2 (CD,F) A Bailey 4-8-6 (6ex)	P Roberts (5)	93
17	(1)	4400	THE LAMBTON WORM 15 (F) D Smith 3-8-5	P Fessey (3)	80
18	(8)	2116	IMPULSIVE AIR 18 (D,F,G) E Weymes 5-8-3	D Gibson	92

6-1 Sheltering Sky, 7-1 Rymer's Rascal, 8-1 Regal Thunder, Myttons Mistake, 10-1 Treasure Touch, Weetman's Weigh, Denbrae, 11-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Kettlewell, 10 winners from 38 runners, 26.3%, P Chapple-Hyam, 9 from 36, 25.0%, M Tompkins, 5 from 23, 21.7%, P Walwyn, 3 from 15, 20.0%, R Fahey, 3 from 16, 18.8%, J Gosden, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 15 winners from 57 rides, 26.3%, K Darley, 37 from 178, 20.8%, J Weaver, 28 from 148, 18.9%, R Havlin, 4 from 31, 12.9%, J Carroll, 17 from 141, 12.1%, A Culhane, 7 from 59, 11.9%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 2.30 Chaska 4.30 Thunderheart 5.00 Regal Thunder. Newbury: 5.10 Despina.

3.50 WHITE MOUNTAIN ROADSTONE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,817: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	131-	SCOTTISH BAMBI 10F (D,F,S) P R Webber 9-12-0	J Osborne
2	P-P4	MAN MOOD 48 (G,S) C Brooks 6-11-8	M Berry (7)
3	-552	CROSS CANNON 22 (D,F,G,S) J Wade 11-11-2	P Carberry
4	3R-1	I HAVE HIM 25 (CD,F,G) N Chance 10-10-13	A P McCoy
5	11-F	CRACKLING FROST 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs D Haine 9-10-5	R Dunwoody
6	45-2	COUNT BARACHOIS 25 (CD,F,S) Mrs E Heath 9-10-0	D Gallagher

5-2 Scottish Bambi, 3-1 Cross Cannon, 7-2 I Have Him, 5-1 Crackling Frost, 7-1 Man Mood, 12-1 Count Barachois.

4.20 GOODLIFF HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,390: 2m 110yd) (12)

1	015-	I'M A DREAMER 147 (D,F,G) Miss M Rowland 7-12-0	P Midgley (5)
2	1P12	MR MORIARTY 27 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 6-11-13	A Maguire
3	-006	GONE BY 4 (CD,F,G) J Jenkins 9-11-1	D Yellowlees (7)
4	1-P2	ANTIGUAN FLYER 25 (V,CD,F,G) G Prodromou 8-11-0	Michael Brennan (3)
5	5111	IRIE MON 18 (D,F,G) M Bielby 5-10-13	N Williamson
6	2225	THEME ARENA 9 (V,BF,D,F) M Pipe 4-10-10	A P McCoy
7	S/1-	HIGHLY REPUTABLE 457 (D,F) G Bravery 7-10-6	R Dunwoody
8	53F-	CABOCHON 182 (D,G,S) J Joseph 10-10-5	C Llewellyn
9	-040	WAMDHA 42 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-5	A S Smith
10	5-F2	GAME DILEMMA 15 (BF,G) J Mullins 6-10-0	S Curran
11	2-22	JOHN TUFTY 25 (BF,CD,G) J Pearce 6-10-0	R Johnson
12	000/	DOSSES DAN 54F B Preece 5-10-0	J Mogford (7)

4-1 Mr Moriarty, 5-1 Irie Mon, 6-1 Theme Arena, 8-1 I'm A Dreamer, Highly Reputable, Game Dilemma, John Tufty, 10-1 others

4.50 KNAPWELL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,796: 3m) (6)

1	524-	JAMES PIGG 121 (CD,F,G,S) P Nicholls 10-12-0	J Tizzard (5)
2	3F-3	VICOSA 41 (D,F,S) R Alner 8-11-11	S Durack (7)
3	11/3	OH SO HANDY 27 (D,F,G,S) R Curtis 9-11-6	C Bonner (3)
4	36P-	SOLO GENT 172 (CD,F,S) A P Jones 8-10-10	E James (7)
5	U2-2	SPRING TO IT 16 (D,F,G) M Pipe 11-10-8	G Elliott (5)
6	P4-3	MISTER GEBO 34 (D,F,G) Miss C Dyson 12-10-0	Miss C Dyson (7)

9-4 Spring To It, 3-1 Oh So Handy, 7-2 Vicosa, 5-1 James Pigg, 8-1 Solo Gent, 14-1 Mister Gebo.

5.20 SEPTEMBER INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,172: 2m 110yd) (11)

1	310-	MISTER ERMYN 209 (D,F) P Mooney 4-11-9	D Morris
2	4-	MISTY CLASS 174 C Brooks 5-11-4	M Berry (7)
3		SNOWBOY R Lee 5-11-4	A Maguire
4		TONRIN J Bridger 5-11-4	R Dunwoody
5		CAPTAIN SAM F Jackson 4-11-2	Mr N Kent
6	0	DOVE FROM ABOVE 65 R J Price 4-11-2	T J Murphy
7		LORD HAASHIM M Polglase 4-11-2	N Williamson
8		LATIN MISTRESS P Nicholls 5-10-13	L Cummins (5)
9		POSH SPICE N Henderson 6-10-13	J R Kavanagh
10		RACE LANE Mrs E Heath 5-10-13	D Gallagher
11		ROYAL TARA D Geraghty 5-10-13	R Supple

3-1 Mister Ermyn, 7-2 Misty Class, 4-1 Posh Spice, 5-1 Latin Mistress, 7-1 Dove From Above, 10-1 Snowboy, 20-1 Tonrin, 25-1 others.

CRICKET

Maynard enables Glamorgan to retain initiative

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TAUNTON (first day of four: Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 93 runs behind Somerset

THE influx of Welshmen in Taunton yesterday suggested that devolution rated a little lower than the county championship. Despite the news being regularly relayed from Canterbury, they will have ended the day with hopes tantalisingly raised, Glamorgan having taken confident strides towards the victory that will secure the title, no matter what Kent may achieve.

This was absorbing cricket, played on a pitch with a little to offer everyone. Glamorgan's decision to bowl first was influenced by the absence through a knee injury of Mushtaq Ahmed, leaving Somerset without a specialist spin bowler. The Welsh, however, did not have an untroubled ride as, having dismissed Somerset in two sessions, they lost two wickets negotiating a superb new-ball spell from Andrew Caddick.

Their command was stirringly restored by an unbroken stand of 117 between the present and past captains, Matthew Maynard and Hugh Morris. While Morris was respectful and responsible, Maynard was a man inspired, making batting look absurdly easy as he hit 14 fours and a six in his 76 not out.

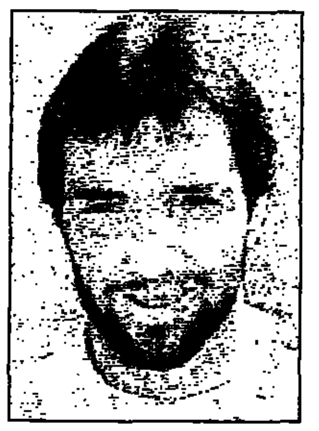
The day was still and humid for Glamorgan's most important match in 28 years and, in the television commentary box broadcasting to Wales, sat three members of the 1969 title winners. They will have purred contentedly over the morning's events as Waqar Younis knocked the top off the Somerset innings and disciplined bowling brought two more wickets before lunch.

Waqar was not feeling at his best or bowling at his quickest, a stomach bug having taken its toll, but his initial six overs brought him two for 14. Both batsmen to fall were out without scoring, Holloway bowled by the trademark inswinger and Ecclestone caught at first slip, as he flirted outside off stump.

Rob Turner, successfully converted to opening, became Somerset's first man to 1,000 runs but, on 40, played an acquiescent hook against Watkin. Thomas, at long leg, barely had to move to take the catch. Then, shortly after a Welsh wail had greeted news of Surrey's demise against Kent, Trescothick was well caught at cover, mistiming a drive against Croft.

Mark Lathwell batted solidly to reach 50 from 67 balls and Waqar had to be recalled to put Glamorgan back in charge. First, he had Lathwell dropped at slip, but the miss cost only six runs before the swinging yorker got through. Burns, a busy partner in a fifth-wicket stand of 42, was another victim of swing and speed while Rose knew little about a first ball that looped to safety off his glove.

Undeterred, Rose put on 41 with his captain, Peter Bowler, before two wickets for the left-arm spin of Cosker introduced a phase of the game that makes cricket so unfathomable to the uninitiated. Maynard pushed his field deep for Bowler, who refused all runs until at least the fifth ball of each over. He coped manfully and Shine, when exposed, was immovable, save for an incongruous hook for six off Watkin.



Maynard: inspired

Eventually, both were out in the same Watkin over and in the same fashion, caught at slip by the clam-like hands of Morris. Glamorgan were thus back at the top of the table, but serious work awaited them if they were still to be there when it mattered.

On a pitch allowing some sideways movements, playing Caddick was never going to be easy. However, Shine was not quite as demanding — his first over contained two huge wides and only umpire leniency prevented more — and the back-up bowling seldom threatened.

Caddick was in a different class. Steve James had struck him for two successive fours before aiming to leg and departing, adjudged leg-before, to ponder an aggregate of 93 runs in seven innings — mortifying figures for a man who had hitherto routinely made more in a single innings. Dale, narrowly surviving his first ball and dropped at gully off Rose on eight, was then caught at slip without addition.

The remainder of the day belonged to Maynard. Morris, missed on 11, was content to support and admire as his captain continued the sublime form that, a week ago, carried his team to the vital victory over Essex.

Timing the ball enviably, he reached 50 from 43 balls and gave Ben Trott a chastening introduction to championship cricket, taking 21 off his first two overs. Maynard lapsed only once, when dropped at mid-off playing an audacious tennis smash against Caddick. Another hour of him this morning will put this game firmly in Glamorgan's court.

Burns is bowled by Waqar, one of four wickets for the Glamorgan fast bowler

Young leaves timely mark

By Pat Gibson

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 238 runs behind Gloucestershire

THERE will not be a dry eye in the pavilion at the end of this match. The umpires, Barrie Meyer and Jack Bond, are standing for the last time after 84 years in the game between them and Shaun Young is making his farewell after one season as Gloucestershire's overseas player.

They will all be badly missed: not least, in these parts at any rate, Young, who has made such an impression this summer that Gloucestershire agonised for weeks over whether to keep him on even if it meant dispensing with the services of Courtney Walsh.

In the end, they decided to keep faith with their old West Indian warhorse as he is likely to win more matches. There seemed no hard feelings yesterday, however, when Young led them out of a familiar batting crisis with a century.

One of the main reasons why Gloucestershire were unable to sustain their championship challenge was that their opening partnerships were averaging less than 20 and that figure dipped further yesterday when Austin's canny combination of seam and swing exposed the frailty of their top order. Hewson was caught behind, Hancock taken at slip and Windows leg-before as Austin took three for 15 in his opening spell before Young put the conditions in perspective with a hundred in little more than three hours with 16 fours. Good support from the dogged Dawson and Russell and a ninth-wicket stand of 40 between Davis and Lewis enabled Gloucestershire to reach 262.

Lancashire were left with 11 overs' batting, which gave Michael Atherton the chance to acquire a better appreciation of Mike Smith's swing bowling. Atherton wisely spent most of his time at the other end as Smith removed Wood and Shadford, the nightwatchman, to leave Lancashire on 24 for two.

Leicestershire prepare to give in gracefully

Ivo Tennant sees the champions bringing a sad and unspectacular season to an end

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Durham, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 175 runs behind Leicestershire

A YEAR ago, Leicestershire were on the verge of becoming county champions for only the second time in their somewhat impecunious and — whisper it quietly in front of Nigel Briers — unfashionable existence. They are finishing this season in the lower-middle reaches of the table in front of their customary paltry attendance and with only reminiscences of last summer to sustain them through the winter.

This week, Leicester City have taken on Atlético Madrid in the Uefa Cup and, at the weekend, Leicester play Toulouse in the Heineken Cup. Winning the county championship might just have persuaded the populace to journey to Grace Road as well. Alas not.

Leicestershire have attracted only around 500 new members and are cutting their playing staff. It is a sad story.

They have lost, in the estimation of Jack Birkenshaw, their manager, the equivalent of 21 days of first-class cricket this season, which have affected their chances of remaining champions as much as it has their attendances. Yet that is not the entire story. Leicestershire, in the absence of Phil Simmons, their talismanic overseas player, have been unable to raise their game as they did last summer.

Birkenhaw, ever the realist, recognises as much. "We have not bowled like we did last year. There have been too many middle-order stands against us.

"I would like to sign a leg spinner, but we cannot afford Shane Warne, and, although I am waiting to see if one or two individuals will be released by other counties, few good bowlers will become available.

Four players are leaving Leicesteshire this season: Gregor Macmillan, Gordon Parsons, Anatole Thomas and Phil Whitticase. If he is lucky, Birkenshaw will acquire two more "and perhaps a university cricketer on match money". Simmons will replace Neil Johnson, the South African.

The champions, as with most other counties, are heavily dependent on their allocation from the England and Wales Cricket Board. "I would have liked to have seen two divisions introduced in county cricket," Birkenshaw said.

"Everybody I have spoken to has been disappointed this did not come off. My players are not particularly excited about the new super cup competiton for the top eight clubs. We are not a fashionable county but we try to play properly and the England players who come to Grace Road are delighted with our facilities."

In the kind of weather that makes you wonder why the cricket season is not extended until October, Leicestershire batted in keeping with their more lowly status this season. Whitaker struck the ball as well as he can ever have done in making 93 off 97 balls with 18 fours, but the rest went pretty quietly in conditions that helped the swing bowlers, notably Brown.

Leicestershire were without Mullally, who has had a knee operation. They still reduced Durham, who need just one further bonus point to avoid finishing bottom of the table, to 59 for four.

Dakin, the replacement for Johnson, who has returned to South Africa, took two wickets with his medium pace and Wells and Millns removed the openers. Bad light ended play shortly after 5pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern lights beckoning Edwards

By Christopher Irvine

THE new lease of life that Shaun Edwards has enjoyed at London Broncos has not only brought a recall into the Great Britain squad for the series against Australia in November, but also created interest in a move back to the North by the scrum half next season, possibly to Bradford Bulls, the Stones Super League champions.

Bradford would not officially confirm their interest in Edwards, who has a year of his contract at London still to run, but a club spokesman said: "All player contracts and possible signings will be dealt with after our world club championship quarter-final in Auckland on October 4. Obviously, a player of Shaun's quality would be an asset."

London would be reluctant to part with Edwards, whose impact since his arrival from Wigan in March helped them to finish second in the Super League and also qualify for the knockout stages of the world club championship. Edwards has a fortnight to recover from a knee injury for the home quarter-final against Cronulla.

Although he moved to London mainly to be with his girlfriend and new-born son, Edwards was reluctant to end his 14-year association with Wigan. Bradford, however, would be his first choice in the event of him moving. "If they are interested, it's very flattering," he said.

Graham Steadman, the former Britain full back and, at 35, the oldest player in the Super League, announced yesterday that he will retire at the end of the season. Tonight, though, he will line up for Castleford Tigers in their Premiership semi-final at St Helens, who will give a late fitness test to Apollo Perelini. Castleford are hoping that Dean Sampson will be available after a four-match absence.

James Lowes, the Bradford hooker, is the latest winner of the monthly Stones Gold Award.

SNOOKER

Wattana enjoys welcome break

JAMES WATTANA achieved the third maximum break of his career during the Catch China International Super Challenge in Beijing yesterday. The occasion was made even more special by the fact that it was the first 147 to be made in a leading professional tournament outside Britain.

Wattana, from Thailand, went on to celebrate a 5-4 quarter-final victory over Pang Wie Guo, of China. "Considering I didn't feel too good before the match started I am delighted," Wattana, who has been suffering from a throat infection since his arrival in Beijing, said.

"I have had two 147s in competition before, but this is something special because it's a little bit of snooker history." The former World Matchplay champion will collect a £500 bonus for the feat. He had previously made maximum breaks at the 1991 World Masters and 1992 British Open and now stands alone in second place on the list of players who have made 147s in professional competition behind Stephen Hendry, who has four.

Wattana, the world No 12, had trailed 2-0 and 4-1 — despite putting together a break of 92 in the third frame — and looked in great danger of suffering a surprise defeat. He recovered, though, and completed the maximum break in the sixth frame. It was his 156th century break in a professional event and he completed his comeback with a four-frame winning streak, ending with a break of 76 in the deciding frame.

Wattana, who has not captured a title since successfully defending the Thailand Open that he won in March 1995, now plays Steve Davis, who ended a sequence of nine consecutive defeats against Stephen Hendry, which stretches back 4½ years, by whitewashing his great rival 5-0.

In the other half of the draw, Ronnie O'Sullivan, who beat China's No 1, Guo Hua, 5-2 yesterday, will play either Mark Williams or Jimmy White.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Test match

Zimbabwe v New Zealand

HARARE (First day of five; New Zealand won toss): Zimbabwe have scored 205 for four wickets

ZIMBABWE	
G Flower not out	85
G Rennie c Fleming b Cairns	23
†A Flower c Spearman b Cairns	8
G Whittal c Fleming b O'Connor	33
*A Campbell c Pocock b Astle	18
D Houghton not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 10, w 4)	18
Total (4 wkts, 80 overs)	205

P Strang, H Streak, B Strang, J Rennie, A Huckle to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-57, 3-117, 4-144.

BOWLING: H Davis 11-0-36-0; S O'Connor 19-1-72-1; C Cairns 18-4-42-2; N Astle 19-11-22-1; D Vettori 4-0-14-0; C Harris 9-3-15-0

NEW ZEALAND: C Spearman, B Pocock, M Horne, *S Fleming, N Astle, C Cairns, †A Parore, C Harris, D Vettori, S O'Connor, H Davis.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

DERBY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss). Derbyshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings	
A McGrath run out	19
M P Vaughan c Smith b DeFreitas	17
*D Byas c Barnett b Cassar	56
D S Lehmann b DeFreitas	2
A C Morris lbw b DeFreitas	0
B Parker c Krikken b Smith	6
†R J Blakey c Tweats b Aldred	76
G M Hamilton b DeFreitas	17
C E W Silverwood c Krikken b Harris	11
I D Fisher c DeFreitas b Cassar	25
P M Hutchison not out	15
Extras (b 5, lb 16, w 2)	23
Total (84.1 overs)	267

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-37, 3-43, 4-43, 5-58, 6-176, 7-187, 8-207, 9-221.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 27-9-74-4; Harris 23-7-56-1; Smith 11-4-27-1; Aldred 15-3-50-1; Cassar 6 1-0-31-2; Clarke 2-0-8-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings	
K J Barnett not out	0
†K M Krikken not out	0
Total (no wkt, 0.3 overs)	0

T Smith, T A Tweats, B J Spendlove, M E Cassar, V P Clarke, *P A J DeFreitas, P Aldred, S J Lacey and A J Harris to bat

BOWLING: Silverwood 0 3-0-0-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Yorkshire 2

Umpires: A Clarkson and D J Constant.

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 241 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings	
*P J Prichard c Brown b Bloomfield	25
D D J Robinson c Weekes b Hewitt	3
N Hussain c Brown b Fraser	0
S G Law c Johnson b Fraser	63
R C Irani b Bloomfield	5
A P Grayson b Bloomfield	0
D R Law run out	34
†B J Hyam c Shah b Johnson	10
M C Ilott c Gatting b Bloomfield	47
A P Cowan c Weekes b Bloomfield	77
P M Such not out	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total (84 overs)	271

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-29, 3-31, 4-63, 5-63, 6-117, 7-137, 8-145, 9-258

BOWLING: Fraser 25-4-69-2; Hewitt 13-3-50-1; Bloomfield 21-5-77-5; Johnson 13-2-37-1; Tufnell 12-1-36-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings	
*M R Ramprakash not out	2
P N Weekes lbw b D R Law	26
R L Johnson not out	0
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt, 11.5 overs)	30

M W Gatting, O A Shah, †K R Brown, D C Nash, T F Bloomfield, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-30

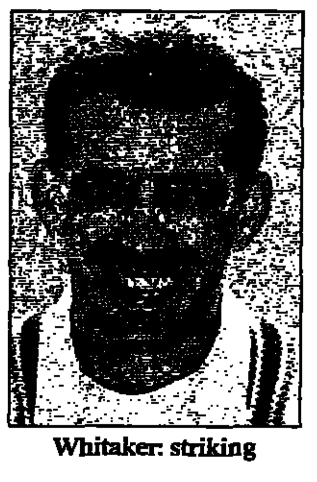
BOWLING: Ilott 6-2-12-0; Cowan 4-0-10-0; D R Law 1.5-0-8-1

Bonus points: Essex 2 Middlesex 4

Umpires: N T Plews and R Palmer

Gloucestershire v Lancashire

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 238 runs behind Gloucestershire



Whitaker: striking

Law: belligerent

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
D R Hewson c Hegg b Austin	5
M G N Windows lbw b Austin	10
T H C Hancock c Fairbrother b Austin	0
R I Dawson c Crawley b Shadford	26
S Young c Watkinson b Chapple	100
*M W Alleyne c Fairbrother b Austin	11
†R C Russell b Keedy	38
M C J Ball c Shadford b Chapple	5
R P Davis lbw b Shadford	17
J Lewis lbw b Keedy	27
A M Smith not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 13)	23
Total (94.4 overs)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-20, 4-105, 5-127, 6-189, 7-205, 8-214, 9-254

BOWLING: Chapple 22-4-50-2; Austin 22-9-44-4; Shadford 7-0-50-2; Watkinson 18-7-40-0; Keedy 25 4-5-68-2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings	
N T Wood c Ball b Smith	3
M A Atherton not out	17
D J Shadford lbw b Smith	3
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts, 10.3 overs)	24

J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, M E Harvey, *M Watkinson, I D Austin, †W K Hegg, G Chapple and G Keedy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-24

BOWLING: Smith 5 3-2-7-2; Lewis 5-0-16-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2 Lancashire 4

Umpires: J D Bond and B J Meyer.

Hampshire v Worcestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss). Worcestershire have scored 428 for two wickets against Hampshire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
W P C Weston c Hayden b Renshaw	4
K R Spiring lbw b Udal	42
G A Hick not out	253
*T M Moody not out	120
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 2)	9
Total (2 wkts, 107 overs)	428

G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, R J Chapman, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth and A Sheriyar to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-100

BOWLING: Renshaw 26-3-88-1; Francis 11-1-61-0; Hansen 16-5-47-0; Udal 24-4-94-1; Stephenson 15-1-65-0; Hayden 3-0-12-0; Whitaker 9-1-42-0; White 3-0-12-0

HAMPSHIRE: J S Laney, M L Hayden, G W White, P R Whitaker, W S Kendall, *J P Stephenson, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, S J Renshaw, T M Hansen, S R G Francis

Bonus points: Hampshire 0 Worcestershire 4

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Julian

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Durham, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 175 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
V J Wells lbw b Brown	2
D L Maddy c Speight b Betts	27
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Betts	11
*J J Whitaker b Betts	93
B F Smith c Boiling b Walker	32
J M Dakin b Betts	0
†P A Nixon c Speight b Brown	6
D J Millns c Speight b Brown	41
A R K Pierson c Betts b Brown	27
J Ormond not out	1
M T Brimson lbw b Brown	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (64.3 overs)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-23, 3-61, 4-165, 5-166, 6-166, 7-180, 8-232, 9-241.

BOWLING: Brown 21 3-5-67-5; Betts 18-3-68-4; Wood 11-1-66-0; Walker 13-4-35-1; Boiling 1-0-4-0

DURHAM: First Innings	
J J B Lewis c Maddy b Millns	6
S Hutton c Nixon b Wells	13
J E Morris c Wells b Dakin	19
*D C Boon not out	7
J A Daley lbw b Dakin	7
†M P Speight not out	5
Extras (lb 5, w 4)	9
Total (4 wkts, 16 overs)	66

J Wood, M M Betts, J Boiling, S J E Brown and A Walker to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-50, 4-59.

BOWLING: Millns 3-0-20-1; Ormond 4-0-13-0; Dakin 5-1-12-2; Wells 4-0-16-1

Bonus points: Leicestershire 2 Durham 4

Umpires: V A Holder and D R Shepherd

Somerset v Glamorgan

TAUNTON (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 93 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings	
†R J Turner c Thomas b Watkin	40
P C L Holloway b Waqar	0
S C Ecclestone c Morris b Waqar	0
M N Lathwell b Waqar	62
M E Trescothick c Maynard b Croft	20
M Burns b Waqar	28
*P D Bowler c Morris b Watkin	63
G D Rose lbw b Cosker	13
A R Caddick c Croft b Cosker	11
K J Shine c Morris b Watkin	6
B J Trott not out	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total (68.4 overs)	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-72, 4-113, 5-155, 6-156, 7-197, 8-217, 9-251

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 12-3-41-4; Watkin 13 4-2-61-3; Thomas 16-2-53-0; Cosker 14-3-42-2; Croft 13-1-49-1

GLAMORGAN: First Innings	
S P James lbw b Caddick	8
H Morris not out	49
A Dale c Bowler b Caddick	8
*M P Maynard not out	76
Extras (lb 2, w 10, nb 6)	18
Total (2 wkts, 35 overs)	159

P A Cottey, R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, S D Thomas, Waqar Younis, S L Watkin and D A Cosker to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-42

BOWLING: Caddick 14-4-53-2; Shine 7-3-24-0; Rose 9-1-38-0; Trott 2-0-21-0; Burns 3-0-21-0

Bonus points: Somerset 2 Glamorgan 4

Umpires: G Sharp and P Willey.

Sussex v Nottinghamshire

HOVE (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss). Nottinghamshire have scored 337 for five wickets against Sussex

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings	
M P Dowman b Kirtley	0
R T Robinson c Peirce b Bates	83
G E Welton lbw b Kirtley	95
*P Johnson c Moores b Kirtley	74
P R Pollard lbw b Jarvis	43
U Afzaal not out	26
†W M Noon not out	5
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 23)	31
Total (5 wkts, 104 overs)	337

R T Bates, P J Franks, K P Evans and A R Oram to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-169, 3-189, 4-287, 5-327.

BOWLING: Kirtley 21-4-80-3; Jarvis 16-2-52-1; Robinson 22-1-74-0; Martin-Jenkins 9-2-34-0; Bates 26-6-70-1; K Newell 8-1-21-0; Carpenter 2-2-0-0

SUSSEX: *†P Moores, M T E Peirce, N R Taylor, M Newell, K Newell, J R Carpenter, R S C Martin-Jenkins, P W Jarvis, J J Bates, M A Robinson, R J Kirtley.

Bonus points: Sussex 2 Nottinghamshire 3

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K E Palmer

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 215 for five wickets against Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings	
A Fordham c Knight b Bell	35
R R Montgomerie c Smith b Brown	58
A J Swann not out	73
*K M Curran c Piper b Brown	0
D J G Sales c Ostler b Giles	27
T C Walton run out	6
A L Penberthy not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 12)	14
Total (5 wkts, 91 overs)	215

†D Ripley, M K Davies, J P Taylor and J F Brown to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-133, 3-133, 4-200, 5-212

BOWLING: Welch 13-7-26-0; Brown 11-3-29-2; Giles 32-13-44-1; Bell 16-3-46-1; Smith 19-3-56-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: *N V Knight, M A Wagh, D L Hemp, D P Ostler, T L Penney, D R Brown, N M K Smith, G Welch, A F Giles, †K J Piper, M A V Bell

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2 Northamptonshire 1

Umpires: A A Jones and J C Balderstone.

Gillespie injury blow

JASON GILLESPIE, the Australia fast bowler who played a significant role in his country's Ashes success this summer, is likely to miss the entire Australian domestic season because of his back injury, Geoff Marsh, the national team coach, said yesterday.

Asked to predict when Gillespie would recover full fitness, Marsh said: "I think we'll be looking at around six months." Gillespie took 16 wickets in the Ashes series against England but was forced to return home before the final Test at the Oval.

The Australia players, who are campaigning for better pay and working conditions, have requested an urgent meeting with the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in an effort to discuss their grievances.

The ACB gathers today for its annual meeting with the outside possibility that the ruling body of the sport in Australia could face a players' strike.

Dr David Rice, the former Sussex chairman, has died aged 83. Rice was a county committee member for 28 years, from 1957, and chairman between 1982 to 1985.

Cowan shoulders task of lifting Essex

By Barney Spender

CHELMSFORD (Middlesex won toss; first day of four): Middlesex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 241 runs behind Essex

THEY may not have been stirred by the prospect of promotion or relegation but Essex and Middlesex, inspired by career-best performances from Ashley Cowan and Tim Bloomfield respectively, still managed to produce an intriguing opening day to their last match of the season.

Middlesex had the better of the early stages after Mark Ramprakash won the toss and, for the first time in his brief reign, opted to bowl first on a hazy morning. The first ball of the day, from Angus Fraser, was dispatched to the square-leg boundary but, after that, the bowlers took advantage of the conditions and Essex slumped to 63 for five.

Bloomfield, who played for Sussex second XI last year, found enough movement to hit Irani's middle stump with a ball that the batsman later claimed pitched outside leg stump, and then, four balls later, flatten the off stump as Grayson shouldered arms. He finished with figures of five for 77, but also suffered the sight of Hewitt, at mid-off, spilling the easiest of catches offered by Stuart Law.

The Australian cashed in belligerently to the tune of 63 from 80 balls, but his dismissal saw another collapse and it was left to the ninth-wicket partnership of Cowan and Ilott, 47, to patch things up with a delightful stand of 113.

Cowan attacked with gusto and raced to his maiden first-class fifty from 63 balls, hitting eight fours and a six off Tufnell. When he was the last man out, for 77, he had hit two more boundaries and another six off Johnson over long-on.

There was no sign of his recent shoulder injury, although when Middlesex batted at the end, he bowled just four overs before leaving the field and heading off to see a specialist.

Swann makes serene pursuit of century

By Richard Hobson

EDGBASTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have made 215 for five wickets against Warwickshire

THE problem for Northamptonshire is not discovering young batsmen, but finding a place for them in their top order. Last season they provided England's under-19 side with three of the first four in the series against New Zealand. David Sales and David Roberts have "trained on" since and Alec Swann, 20, is well-placed today to catch up with his talented contemporaries by recording a maiden hundred — having scored just 50 in his first six championship innings.

So far he has batted for 244 minutes in accumulating 73 runs with the care and pride of a child saving pennies. Those who chose flamboyance were soon punished. Fordham, in his final match before taking up employment with the England and Wales Cricket Board, flat-batted a wide ball from Bell to mid-off and Montgomerie, after grinding out 58, was caught at square leg attempting to hook Brown. Curran fell to the next ball, another short one, and Sales was caught low down by Ostler at slip cutting Giles.

Warwickshire saw four edges fall short of the slips and Ostler spilt a hard chance before Swann had reached double figures.

Knight, the captain, was involved in a heated on-field discussion with Allan Jones, the umpire, over slip fielders surreptitiously "walking in" during the bowler's approach.

Knight, Jones and Phil Neale, the Warwickshire director of coaching, met during the lunch interval when Jones agreed to permit the tactic as long as the fielders were stationery at the point of delivery.

Hampshire

CRICKET

Derbyshire
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Hampshire have no answer to Hick's ferocity

Hick: relentless

By John Thicknesse

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 428 for two wickets against Hampshire

JOHN STEPHENSON guessed that Hampshire were in for it from the moment he lost his ninth toss out of ten and he was right. In conditions made for run-scoring — a slow, bounceless pitch, bright sunshine and a fast outfield — Graeme Hick gorged himself with his sixth hundred of the season, and first double-hundred, and Tom Moody trimmed 120 off the 207 runs he needed to compete his thousand for the season.

Thirteen minutes from the close, when their partnership reached 315, they deprived Tom Graveney of his one remaining Worcestershire batting record, with Martin Horton for the third wicket, which had stood since 1962. Today, the pair need another 65 to break the record for any Worcestershire wicket, set by E. G. Arnold and W. B. Burns in 1909.

Hick's wicket was in danger only once, on 29, when Udal pushed him onto the back foot with an off break. It was the only time Hick's bat was passed on either side before he reached 200, but luckily the ball, pitching on his middle stump, turned too much to hit leg. Though the pitch was a depressing one to bowl on — and in Simon Francis, 19, and Thomas Hansen, 21, a Dane, two of Hampshire's seam bowlers were making their debuts — few batsmen could have dispatched the loose ball with greater certainty than Hick.

The power of his pulling was ferocious, especially when off-side balls gave him extra leverage, and some of his cover drives crossed the line within two seconds of leaving the bat. It was a patient, one-paced innings of skill and power but lacking glamour, the landmarks passing with the regularity of mileage indicators on the motorway: 50 off 62 balls, 100 off 129, 150 off 190, 200 off 240, 250 off 319.

Even granted the mediocrity and inexperience of Hampshire's bowling and the ease of the conditions, the exactness of Hick's stroke selection and slide-rule accuracy of his execution could only be admired. Despite wearing a helmet during his six hours at the crease, he may well not have broken sweat all day.

Until Moody passed his hundred he was unrecognisable as one of the most free-scoring batsmen of his era. When the Horton-Graveney record fell, his share was only 117. His hundred was stretched over 217 balls, only 27 more than Hick required to make 150.

Simon Renshaw, at 23 Hampshire's senior seam bowler, stuck to a thankless task courageously and Udal bowled his first 16 overs in one spell for 47, which was admirable with Hick in such form. But for tireless and athletic fielding, Worcestershire might have scored another 40 runs. In that respect, Hampshire were their equals.

CRICKET

Derbyshire players let off steam at last

By Michael Henderson

DERBY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Derbyshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs behind Yorkshire

IT took three months of dressing-room persistence to batter down the door of official disapproval, but when Derbyshire allowed their players the right of reply yesterday, in a statement to members, it proved quite painless. What they had to say was unremarkable but, in terms of public relations, it was a veritable crossing of the Rubicon.

The statement, released at the end of a season that has brought nought for Derbyshire's comfort, was signed by every senior player except Devon Malcolm and was intended to close the Dean Jones affair, which is the root of the general dissatisfaction. The 22 signatories left their surnames in capital letters at the bottom of the page in the manner of lords endorsing a round robin.

Since Jones relinquished the captaincy in June and returned to Victoria, citing differences of opinion, the players have been keen to speak in their defence. As a result, the club has become a hothouse of intrigue and the winter break will give everybody the chance to collect their thoughts before the players regroup next spring under the leadership of Dominic Cork.

The breakdown in communication cost Kim Barnett a £1,500 fine, later revoked, and, *inter alia*, led to the resignation of Mike Horton, the club chairman, Ian Buxton, the cricket chairman, and the departure of Stuart Edwards, the secretary.

Describing Jones's departure as "sudden and regrettable", the statement read: "The senior players have always given their support to all members of the playing staff in an effort to bring success to this club. The senior players, whose ability to understand the requirements for success was denied by Jones, have winners' medals to disprove his claim and are fully committed to achieving further honours for the club."

It went on to list six "lessons and observations" relating to the captaincy, players' responsibilities, constructive criticism of performance, clear management, the welfare of junior players and the independence of the physiotherapist. The players' statement ended by looking forward to "long-term stability rather than short-term goals".

In fact, they bowled and fielded with commendable spirit yesterday, after Yorkshire had won the toss. At one stage before lunch, as the ball moved around in sultry conditions and the batsmen swashed and buckled, Yorkshire were floundering at 58 for five before Byas and Blakey put together a century stand.

With Smith, a 20-year-old bowler, and Spendlove, an 18-year-old batsman, making their championship debuts, Derbyshire supported their bowlers with some frisky work in the field, though Tweats grassed an early chance at slip. Later, DeFreitas put one down when the last pair, Hutchison and Fisher, were adding 46. Overall, they stuck to their task as though it was April, not September.

DeFreitas, who remains captain for the time being, bowled a searching morning spell when he removed Vaughan, Lehmann and Morris within 15 balls for two runs. When he returned after lunch, he vanquished Hamilton utterly with a ball that spreadeagled his stumps. There was a first wicket for Smith, who also took a good, sharp catch at extra cover.

Byas, with his third consecutive half-century, and Blakey were the only batsmen to contribute more than 20 until Fisher, another newcomer, used his bat as a sabre. The Derbyshire reply was three balls old when bad light forced the players off.

FIONA HANSON

Rupesh Amin is bowled by Matthew Fleming to end Surrey's innings at Canterbury yesterday. Report, page 44

Welton falls short of first hundred

By Jack Bailey

HOVE (first day of four: Nottinghamshire won the toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 337 for five wickets against Sussex

AT 10.32am, or thereabouts, on a bright September morning, James Kirtley bowled the third ball of the day. It was fast and of full length. As Matthew Dowman shaped to push to leg and missed, his stumps were knocked all over the place. For Dowman, it was a classic case of missing the boat. On a pitch as true as tempered steel, Sussex had to wait until well into the afternoon for another success.

Guy Welton, 19, and Tim Robinson, twice Welton's age, added 169 for the second wicket. Then Paul Johnson overshadowed all else with a typically punchy and forthright 74 off 98 balls; and, although Kirtley, bowling genuinely fast, returned to sabotage both batsmen when centuries beckoned, Sussex, who have to win this match to stand any chance of avoiding the championship wooden spoon, are already tugging against the tide.

In truth, they were up against it from the moment that they lost the toss. The Sussex attack were willing Trojans, bowling their overs at better-than-regulation speed. That they kept Nottinghamshire within reasonable bounds, owed much to the persistence of Justin Bates, whose off-spin was never collared, and that of Mark Robinson.

But Kirtley was the only cutting edge and you need more than one on a pitch such as this against good players. If getting rid of Dowman lifted Sussex's hopes, Welton was there to dash them.

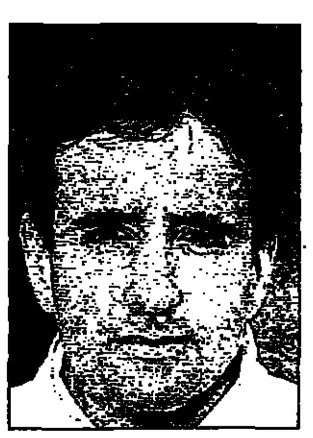
The Grimsby-born teenager has made quite an impact since coming into the team. In this, his fifth match, he looked solid, assured and in possession of a wide range of strokes.

Robinson soon became the junior partner as Welton went past his third score of more than 40 in four innings. He seemed bound for a maiden century when anxiety betrayed him five runs short and he pushed across Kirtley's line.

By then, Welton had faced 199 balls and hit 12 fours. Robinson had already been caught at square leg and, with Welton out, a glimmer of a breakthrough dawned for Sussex. However, Johnson had other ideas.

There is no better player to watch. You dare not bowl short or at his legs and he is not afraid to lift the ball. With Pollard in support, he ensured that Nottinghamshire retained the upper hand.

Sussex go for Gilbert



Gilbert: experience

DAVE GILBERT, who has told Surrey he does not wish to continue as their coach, has been approached by Sussex to join them in an administrative role with some responsibility for first-team affairs (Ivo Tennant writes). Tony Pigott, the chief executive, says he has also made an offer to Chris Adams, who is leaving Derbyshire.

"I am thinking seriously about Tony's approach," Gilbert said. "I have no intentions of returning to Australia for good, my wife is English and I am looking at day-to-day involvement with a county club. I have achieved what I wanted to achieve with the players at the Oval.

"I shall be staying with Surrey until Christmas and discussing my plans for the future with them. I will be 37 in December and want to go into administration, financial promotion and marketing before I am too old, but realise I should not neglect the experience I have built as a coach."

RUGBY UNION

Cup organisers to take action next Monday

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE Heineken Cup matches tomorrow will go ahead as scheduled but disciplinary proceedings still hang over the heads of Brive and Pontypridd, the two clubs involved in violence on and off the field last weekend. Roger Pickering, the chief executive of European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), will tell a board meeting on Monday that sanctions must be imposed to sustain the credibility of the tournament.

It now seems unlikely that either club will be suspended from the competition, but there is a strong possibility that the return match on September 27 between Pontypridd and Brive, due to be at Sardis Road, will be played on neutral territory. That could be in the north of England, or in Scotland, which would punish Pontypridd financially and would also force Brive to play a game that they have said they will not fulfil.

Pickering heard evidence from both clubs in Dublin on Wednesday and will make his recommendations on Monday, when Pontypridd have also been given the opportunity to send a representative. The notion of a match being played behind closed doors is one that football has used in the past, and, though it sits strangely with rugby union's culture, it would ensure that the competition itself remains valid.

But Pickering has also been angered at the assault on the reputation of the whole competition by the foul play so prevalent at Brive last Sunday and the brawl in the bar that followed and involved players from both clubs. "I have written to the secretaries of all the participating governing bodies asking them to remind their clubs that foul play is totally unacceptable," he said.

"It is the responsibility of individual players, their coaches and team managers to ensure that foul play does not occur. The actions on the field last weekend tarnished the image of the game." Pickering also indicated that ERC would back to the hilt referees who clamped down on foul play. "I have asked the unions to remind their match officials to assert their authority in the strongest possible way and to deal very firmly with any incidents of foul play on the field," he said. "Those players and clubs who fail to play within the rules will face stern disciplinary action."

The actions of players and referees this weekend will therefore come under a microscope, inside and outside the sport, and it is as well that two disciplinarians, Jim Fleming from Scotland and Gareth Simmonds, of Wales, have been allocated the cup games in France — Toulouse v Leicester and Pau v Caledonia Reds. It is the responsibility of the individual unions to allocate referees and the events of last weekend suggest that they need to pay greater attention to likely trouble spots.

Pontypridd, who play the Scottish Borders in Kelso tomorrow evening, made the remarkable suggestion yesterday that Dale McIntosh and Phil John, both involved in the bar-room brawl on Sunday night, had been approached by Brive to play for them next season. "I'm sure it was a serious offer," Eddie Jones, the club team manager, said but Jean-Jacques Madrias, the Brive chairman, responded dismissively: "If they can dream up a story like this, they can't be all there."

McIntosh: Brive offer?

Meanwhile Toulouse, beaten by Leicester in the semi-finals last season, are likely to restore Fabien Pelous to their back row against the Midlands club and another France international, Christian Califano, should have recovered from an infection. Wasps, who play Ulster at Loftus Road — their first home match of the season — bring in the Scotland locks, Damian Cronin and Andy Reed, and field Martyn Wood at scrum half.

SQUASH

Eyles disciplined over Cairo confrontation

RODNEY EYLES, the Australian world No 2, who leads the Lingfield squad in the British Super League, has been disciplined for breaking the code of conduct of the Professional Squash Association — of which he is the president and a member of the disciplinary board (Colin McQuillan writes).

The much-respected 30-year-old has been given an official warning for a "threatening act of intimidation" against Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, at the Al Ahram International near Cairo last June.

It is the first time in a playing career of 15 years that Eyles has incurred any form of disciplinary sanction.

In a match that brought two conduct warnings for each player from the referee, Eyles at one point locked foreheads with Barada and shoved him across the court.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 12, Chicago Cubs 9, Philadelphia 5, Florida 2 (first game), Florida 5, Philadelphia 2 (second game); Houston 8, Pittsburgh 4; Montreal 4, Cincinnati 1; Atlanta 10, New York Mets 2; San Diego 5, Colorado 4; San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4, Toronto 3; New York Yankees 6, Detroit 2; Milwaukee 8, Baltimore 3, Cleveland 7, Minnesota 6; Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 4; Texas 5, Seattle 4; Anaheim 8, Oakland 4.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool matches: Aston Adanto 84 Birmingham 77; Derby 84 Manchester 87; London 88 Stevenage 92; Portsmouth 59 Solent 82, Slough 38 Oxford 72, South Wales 97 Cardiff 57; Stoke Solihull 84, Taunton 67 Plymouth 95; Teesside 88 Sheffield 61; Thames Valley 60 Swindon 77; Ware 89 Northampton 85

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's pairs: Fourth round: A Gwynne and D Shields bt M Horne and K Weyand 23-18, A Dennington and J Lewis bt K Wood and P Marsh 23-12; A Mitchell and J Wilson bt R Breakspear and F Hayman 21-16; R Newbold and C Kiddy bt D Briscoe and A Briscoe 29-13; R Hopper and E Heath bt F George and A Morton 29-12, A Skuse and R Pilcher bt S Slaughter and B Slaughter 21-19; C Andrews and D Zapp bt H White and D Tickner 24-16, G Smith and G Rossiter bt T Lane and C Atkins 22-14

CRICKET

Sahara Cup

India v Pakistan

TORONTO (India won toss) Match abandoned

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar not out	74
Shahid Afridi c Karim b Sodhi	47
*Ramiz Raja retired hurt	38
Salim Malik b Ganguly	2
Hassan Raza c and b Ganguly	1
Extras (lb 1, w 8, nb 3)	12
Total (3 wkts, 31.5 overs)	169

†Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mohammad Hussain, Aqib Javed and Mohammad Akram did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-158, 3-169

BOWLING: Kuruvilla 6-0-30-0; Mohanty 8-1-44-0; Sodhi 3-0-22-1; Ganguly 7.5-0-39-2; Singh 3-0-16-0; Tendulkar 4-0-17-0

INDIA: *S R Tendulkar, S C Ganguly, R S Dravid, M Azharuddin, A D Jadeja, R R Singh, †S S Karim, H S Sodhi, N Kulkarni, A P Kuruvilla, D Mohanty

India lead series 2-0.

Umpires: R E Koertzen (South Africa) and S G Randell (Australia)

GOLF

FOREST OF ARDEN: British Masters: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 65: M Roe. 67: P Hedblom (Swe). 68: M Olander (Swe), J Lomas, G Turner (NZ), P Sjoland (Swe). 69: D Edlund (Swe), S Struver (Ger), B Davis, P O'Malley (Aus), P Lawrie, S Torrance, W Westner (SA), J Sandelin (Swe). 70: G Orr, K Eriksson (Swe), T Johnstone (Zim), P Golding, D Botes (SA), W Riley (Aus), B Tinning (Den), S Scahill (NZ). 71: J Rivero (Sp), G Evans, R Rafferty, D Gilford, J Skold (Swe), R Allenby (Aus), E Canonica (It), M Davis, G Brand Jnr, A Coltart, S Ames (Tri), A Sandywell, D Clarke. 72: J Bickerton, D J Russell, P Eales, D Smyth, D Borrego (Sp), A Sherborne, R Green (Aus), A Binaghi (It), S Luna (Sp), J Hawkes (SA), P Linhart (Sp), J-M Olazábal (Sp), R Davis (Aus), R Drummond. 73: A Oldcorn, P Affleck, *S Garcia (Sp), I Woosnam, M-A Jiménez (Sp). 74: M Tunnicliff, D Robertson, J-L Guepy (Fr), S Cage, H Clark, F Roca (Sp) S Hurley 75: P Lonard (Aus), R Chapman, C Suneson (Sp), A Hunter, S McAllister 76: D Tapping, N Briggs, S Webster, S Bottomley, F Jacobson (Swe), M Gates 77: P Curry, J Robson, R Lee. 78: P Walton, J Coceres (Arg) 80: S Purves

* denotes amateur

COLOGNE: Hennessy Cup: First-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: K Pearce (Aus), M Hjorth (Swe) 71: L Hackney, D Reid, J Mills (Aus) 72: S Carbon (Aus), N Fink (Austria), W Dicks, H Alfredsson (Swe), C Schmitt (Fr). 73: H Wadsworth, S Dallongeville (Fr), F Dassu (It), A Berg (Swe), S Prosser. 74: S Ferron (NZ), L Brooky (NZ), K Orum (Den), T Fischer (Ger), M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), A Nicholas, J Leary (Aus), A-M Knight (Aus), L Maritz (SA), V Stensrud (Nor) 75: F Pike (Aus), L Lambert (Aus), L Davies, K Marshall, C Louw (Rsa), P Meunier Lebouc (Fr), L Fairclough, M Hedblom (Swe), M Koch (Ger), K Poppmeier (Austria); A-C Jonasson (Swe), R Carriedo (Sp). 76: A Gottmo (Swe), G Stewart, D Dowling, M Murray, A Arruti (Sp), J Forbes, P Sterner (Swe), V Michaud (Fr) 77: P Rigby-Jinglov (Swe), I Tinning (Den), S Gustafson (Swe), C Dibnah (Aus), E Esterl (Ger), S Head, T Johnson, B Pestana (SA). 78: P Wright 79: D Barnard, L Navarro (Sp), S Mein (Swe), M Sutton, X Wunsch (Sp), S Mendiburu (Fr), K Taylor 80: D Booker (Aus), J Head, J Morley 81: K Lunn (Aus), N Gole (Aus)

SWANSEA: Welsh ladies seniors championship: First-round leaders: 77: C Thomas (Holyhead) 85: J Roberts (Pennard), J Clymo (St Pierre) 86: S O'Donovan (Brynhill), J White (Stoneham) 88: M Williams (Fairwood Park) 89: P Morgan (St Giles) H Lyall (Royal St Davids) M Rydd (Clyne) E Chambers (Fairwood Park)

HOCKEY

MILTON KEYNES: Men's junior world cup: Pool B: Germany 5 Argentina 1. Pool A: Spain 3 India 2; Holland 2 Belgium 2. Pool B: England 4 Egypt 1

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Peterborough Pirates 5 Slough Jets 5, Cardiff Devils 2 Bracknell Bees 2, Telford Tigers 0 Newcastle Cobras 6

RUGBY LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 12 BARLA Great Britain Under-23 38 (in Portsmouth)

SNOOKER

BEIJING: International Super Challenge: Quarter-finals: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt Guo Hua (China) 5-2; J Wattana (Thai) bt Pang Wie Guo (China) 5-4; S Davis (Eng) bt S Hendry (Sco) 5-0. J White (Eng) bt M Williams (Wal) 5-3

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Poole 53 Belle Vue 36; Bradford 59 Eastbourne 31; King's Lynn 46 Coventry 44

PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 46 Edinburgh 44

BRADFORD: Golden Gauntlet match race: M Loram (holder) bt A Mogridge

CHALLENGE MATCH: Long Eaton 39 Nottingham Outlaws 51

TENNIS

TOKYO: Women's tournament: Second round: Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Saeki (Japan) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Asagoe (Japan) 6-0, 6-0, N Zvereva (Bela) bt Ai Sugiyama (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; K Po (US) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3. Li Fang (China) bt M-A Vento (Ven) 7-5, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt M Endo (Japan) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Third round: C Martínez (Sp) bt Wang Shi-ting (Taipei) 6-1, 6-3. Doubles: First round: Park Sung-hee (S Korea) and Wang Shi-ting bt G Fernandez (US) and Zvereva 2-6, 6-1, 7-5

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League

Second division

Brentford v Wycombe (7.45)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Newtown v Total Net Solutions

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: St Patrick's Ath v Shelbourne (7.45)

WELSH CUP: First round: Grange Harlequins v Caerau.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, second day of four, 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Worcestershire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham
TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan
HOVE: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Premiership

Semi-final

St Helens v Castleford (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Newcastle v Leicester (7.30)

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation Intercontinental featherweight championship: S Robinson (GB, holder) v A Mathabola (SA) (in Southend)

GOLF: British Masters (Forest of Arden), Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7.30) Peterborough v Poole (7.45) Premier League: Arena Essex v Hull (8.0) Edinburgh v Newcastle (7.30), Oxford v Isle of Wight (7.45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull)

Flower blossoms to lead recovery

By Our Sports Staff

GRANT FLOWER and Dave Houghton steered Zimbabwe out of trouble and into a safe position on the first day of the opening Test match against New Zealand in Harare yesterday.

After New Zealand had taken the initiative in the second session — when they reduced Zimbabwe from their lunch score of 30 for nought to 144 for four just before tea — two of the home team's most experienced batsmen added an unbroken 61 for the fifth wicket in the final 90 minutes to take the score to 205 for four at the close.

When bad light stopped play with another half-hour still to make up for the 65 minutes lost during the opening session because of an interruption after a heavy shower, Flower was unbeaten on 85 and Houghton was 20 not out.

Flower, playing a characteristically watchful innings, was grinding his way towards his third Test century, having batted for five minutes short of five hours. At the other end, Houghton, the player-coach, faced 87 balls in his 97-minute stay at the crease.

With Houghton playing the anchor role, it was Flower who went on to the offensive after tea, driving Cairns straight off the back foot and slashing Astle backward of point for boundaries.

Earlier, Cairns put New Zealand on top by disposing of Gavin Rennie, making his debut, and Andy Flower in the space of 12 balls. After putting on 47 for the first wicket with Grant Flower, Rennie was caught at first slip by Stephen Fleming in the twentieth over after making 23.

Andy Flower followed in the next over, taken low down at the second attempt by Craig Spearman at third slip for eight with the score on 57.

Guy Whittal, dropped on nought, made a belligerent 33 off 55 balls andshared in a third-wicket stand of 60 with Grant Flower to steady the innings, before being caught at slip off O'Connor.

Alistair Campbell, the Zimbabwe captain, did not last long. After stroking three fours in his first 18 runs, the left-handed batsman was caught at short mid-wicket off the economical Astle.

Zimbabwe also gave Adam Huckle, the leg spinner, a first Test cap, while O'Connor, an opening bowler, made his first appearance for New Zealand.

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The party's definitely over for yachtsmen in round-the-world race

Whitbread drinking had to stop

As competitors get set for Sunday's start, **Paul Standbridge** says there has never been so much at stake

The crew of *Toshiba* put in some late practice on the Solent for the race on Sunday

It was during the SORC regatta in Florida, back in February 1981, that my Whitbread round-the-world race career began, when I plucked up the courage to approach David Bongers, the notorious South African sailor.

Bongers had a reputation as a tough guy, a hard sailor and a big drinker and I was quite intimidated by him. But my desire to get my first ride on a Whitbread boat overcame my fear. Bongers, who was to sail on board Padda Kuttel's *Xargo III* in the next race, agreed to let me help him to deliver a 42-foot yacht across the Atlantic to Ireland. If I made the grade, I would join Kuttel's 1981-82 Whitbread crew.

Four of us left Fort Lauderdale for the 3,000-mile trip to Cork on the Rob Holland-designed *Recession*. This was a boat with somewhat erratic downwind characteristics. I remember, on the second day of the trip, being on watch alone with the spinnaker up as darkness fell and the wind got up.

I was banging on the deck to attract Bongers's attention and he eventually slid the hatch open. His wild eyes, surrounded by an affro head of hair and beard, demanded to know what the matter was. "We have to take the spinnaker down, we are out of control," I shouted. "If you can't steer, you're a big puss," he replied and went below. I guess that was the day that I learnt to steer downwind in a big blow.

The race boat, *Xargo III*, was a Sparkman & Stephens blue-water cruising yacht. It was not the ideal racing boat, but it was the one Kuttel had chosen for his first attempt at the Whitbread. Eleven first-time Whitbread sailors set off on the adventure of a lifetime. We had our own supply of KWV vintage brandy and wine — weight was not the crucial issue it is today. Those were amateur times and we were not answerable to a leading sponsor, so we made the most of the free parties.

Very little maintenance was done to the yachts at the stopovers, because they didn't need it. Instead, the emphasis was on having a good time and exploring. Although we raced as hard as we could, there were occasions when the KWV got the better of us and I remember some dangerous sails calls and even crew missing a whole watch due to overindulging. Our best result on *Xargo III* was second place on leg three.

In the next race, in 1985 — the fourth in the Whitbread series — we got a purpose-built racer, *Atlantic Privateer*, an 81ft Bruce Farr-designed maxi. Again Kuttel was the owner-skipper, Bongers the sailing master, but the crew were a wild bunch. Misbehaviour in Uruguay before the race, when several ended up in jail, cost us our valuable sponsor, Apple.

In the end, the boat sailed most of the race unsponsored, with Kuttel paying the bills. We were first in leg two to Auckland and continued our rampage round the world. This time there was no brandy while we were sailing, but we made up for it when we got ashore. Those were probably the best times we would ever have on a Whitbread, but the times were changing fast.

In 1989, Rothmans arrived with a £6 million budget. With Lawrie Smith as skipper, we were ready for business. Training started at 7am five mornings a week for 13 months! We raced hard, we worked hard and, in our limited free time, we had a cocktail.

It was a very competitive race with ten maxis in hot pursuit of first place. Now we were eating freeze-dried food and sitting on the rail for hours on end. We finished fourth, but the party was most definitely over.

In the last race, in 1993-94, the Whitbread 60 made its first appearance, more like a dinghy than an offshore racing yacht. I was with Smith again on the fully-sponsored *Intrum Justitia*. The pressure was on like never before — the boats were evenly matched and intense concentration was required to get an edge.

The enjoyment now was in the speed of the boat, not the drunken parties. *Intrum* set the fastest 24-hour record for a monohull of 428 miles — it was the thrill of a lifetime. We finished second overall in the 60 class.

So, on Sunday, I am starting my fifth Whitbread, with eight stopovers and ten almost identical W60s. I am racing on *Toshiba*, managed by Team Dennis Conner and skippered by the intense Chris Dickson, and there will be no excuses for coming second. Training starts at 6am, six days a week, the sail programme is more complex, the freeze-dried food the same, though there is even less of it in the never-ending quest to save weight.

It is going to be intense, tough and it's going to be my last. We have had the adventure, the fun, the maxis and Whitbread 60s. Who knows what will happen next.

Britain enters into the cup spirit again

By Edward Gorman
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE British America's Cup campaign for Auckland in 2000 yesterday came into the open with an impressive presentation of its design and research programme and the announcement of the principal technical partners.

If there remained doubts as to who will lead the sailing side, Lawrie Smith took the afternoon off from his preparations for the Whitbread round-the-world-race to be confirmed officially at Gosport as the "director of sailing" for the campaign. The syndicate, which operates under the auspices of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, hopes to capture the public imagination under the title *Spirit of Britain*.

Smith is planning to go straight from the Whitbread race, which starts from Cowes on Sunday, into the America's Cup build-up. He will decide who will sail on the boat, who will steer it and all aspects of the on-the-water programme. He said British sailors would predominate and the best available talent would be picked.

Smith named John Merricks, the Olympic silver medallist, as an example of the up-and-coming stars he would be looking at and did not rule out working with Chris Law, the veteran match-racer.

The syndicate is led by Professor Andrew Graves, of the University of Bath and MIT. In the core group is Ian Howlett, who will design two race boats, and the sail-maker, Angus Melrose. The main technical partners are the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Gosport, where the syndicate will have its first office, the universities of Bath, Bristol and Southampton, Silicon Graphics, SP Systems, the British Marine Industries Federation and the Parametric Technology Corporation.

Although the design capability is effectively in place, the syndicate still requires most of its estimated £15 million budget, for which it targets major commercial companies. Melrose said he hoped boat building could begin in 12 months.

Prof Graves believes the campaign — which will mark Britain's return to the America's Cup after being absent for the last three — should be the first of a series of tilts at international sailing's biggest prize. He wants the *Spirit of Britain* to demonstrate the best in British engineering, design and sailing talent and hopes for government support and backing from the National Lottery.

In the recent past, he said, British know-how had been used to win the Cup by foreign-based syndicates. Now it was time for Britain to use those resources itself.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

ANANIAS

(a) With his wife Sapphira sold his possessions but gave only part of the proceeds to the apostles. Upon being rebuked by Peter, he fell down dead. Ignorant of this fatality, Sapphira came three hours later practising the same deception and, being discovered, also fell down dead. Which seems bloody.

SHEM

(c) The eldest son of Noah and eponymous progenitor of the Semitic races. With his brother Japheth he managed to cover Noah's nakedness without seeing it. Abraham was descended from him.

ZADOK

(c) A priest. With Nathan the prophet he played a decisive part in securing the throne for Solomon upon the death of David. The Establishment was split between Solomon and his brother Adonijah. Zadok was rewarded with the office of chief priest, which his family held until the time of the Maccabees. The Sadducees may have got their name from him. Handel's anthem for the coronation of George II in Westminster Abbey in 1727 begins: "Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet anointed Solomon King. . ."

CALEB

(b) Son of Jephunneh of the tribe of Judah, close companion of Joshua and, with him, the only one of the Israelites who crossed both the Red Sea out of Egypt and the River Jordan into the Promised Land. Joshua the Son of Nun/ And Caleb the Son of Jephunneh/ Were the only two/ Who ever got through/ To the Land of Milk and Honey.

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1 Rf7! Qxf7 2 hxg6+ Qxg6 and now the most accurate move is 3 Qc7+ when Black must resign.

SPEEDWAY

Hancock's friend turns foe

By Tony Hoare

GREG HANCOCK, the world championship leader, goes into the final grand prix of the season tomorrow night knowing that the only man with a realistic chance of stopping him from taking the title is his closest friend in the sport.

Billy Hamill, the world champion, is second in the standings and insists that there will be no favours in Vojens, Denmark, as he chases a second world title.

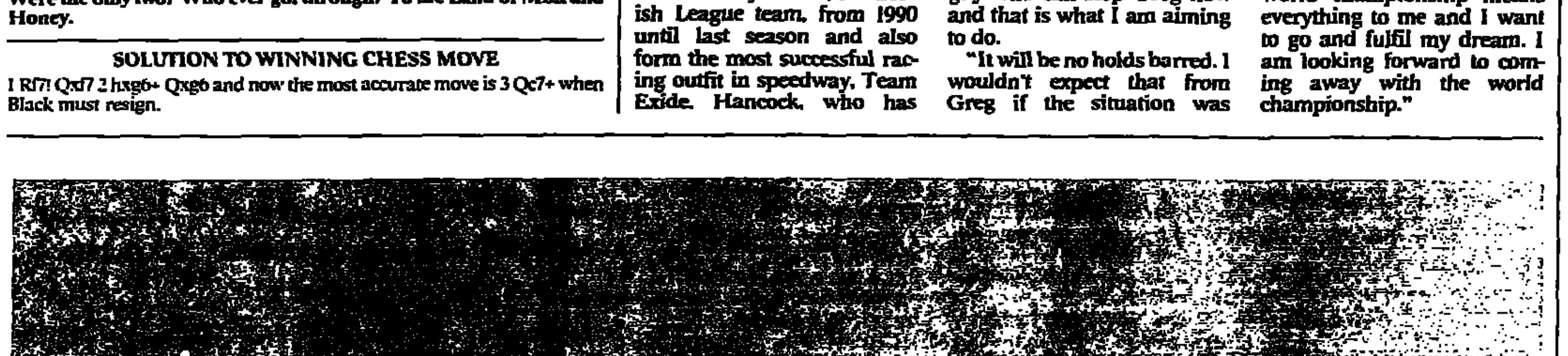
The pair, both 27 and American, were team-mates with Cradley Heath, the British League team, from 1990 until last season and also form the most successful racing outfit in speedway, Team Exide. Hancock, who has won two grands prix this year, holds a 12-point lead in the world championship standings and needs to finish at least fifth in the Danish grand prix to secure the crown.

Should he finish lower than fifth, however, and his team-mate win the meeting, then Hamill will become the first rider in ten years successfully to defend the world title. Hamill said: "It was a lifetime achievement to win last year and I am striving to win it again. It would be great to do it back-to-back. I am the only guy who can stop Greg now and that is what I am aiming to do.

"It will be no holds barred. I wouldn't expect that from Greg if the situation was turned and I'm sure he doesn't expect it from me. We are both striving for the same trophy.

"For Greg to win would be a major achievement and I would be very happy for him, as he was for me last year. If he has won, then so be it and I will be there to enjoy the celebration party. Until then, my eyes are on the world championship."

Hancock said: "I am expecting no favours from Billy because he has everything to go for as well. Winning the world championship means everything to me and I want to go and fulfil my dream. I am looking forward to coming away with the world championship."



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TELEVISION CHOICE

Angling for the Nile perch

Intrepid fisherman Liam Dale (BBC2)

The Big Catch
BBC2, 8.00pm

"I suppose my style is somewhere between Jeremy Clarkson and Michael Palin," says the presenter of this series on international angling, "former top showbiz agent" Liam Dale. Well, it isn't. But if you're into hunting, hooking and landing huge exotic creatures — and weighing them as they writhe and toss — then this is for you (Britain has, after all, "3.5 million passionate anglers"). The chunky Liam, sailing with different fishermen each week, will be tracking everything from skate in Scotland to Beluga sturgeon in Kazakhstan. He begins on Lake Nasser in Egypt — 2,400 square miles of freshwater created by the Aswan Dam. His quarry is the Nile perch — a voracious carnivore weighing up to 200lb. To be fair, the anglers throw back most of what they catch and are turned on more by a good fight than a kill.

Ground Force
BBC2, 8.30pm

Following on the heels of the reelers and baiters, a rather gentler series — a sort of *Gardeners' World* meets *Changing Rooms*, well fertilised by the "feel-good" factor. The idea is that "market researchers" buttonhole a logical "victim" such as a new householder with a barren patch of land and ask them what their ideal garden would be. Then they are tricked into spending 48 hours away while Alan Titchmarsh and his team move in, trying to keep within a prearranged budget. Tonight weeds are replanted artistically (the first unsuspecting owner having said she likes a country feel), earth is churned up, turf laid, a patio pegged out, trees planted, even a compost bin, birdbath and barbecue laid on. There is no doubting the ecstasy and astonishment of Mary Lowe in Rockland St Mary, Norfolk, when she sees the result.

The Practice
ITV, 9.00pm

After last week's pilot the series about the idealistic Boston law firm starts in earnest, using the now familiar formula of rapid cutting and panning to highlight several plotlines at once. (Hardly surprising here as writer/producer David Kelley was also responsible for *LA Law* and *Chicago Hope*). Dylan McDermott, who plays chief mover and shaker Bobby, certainly has the requisite charisma as he and his team battle for the rights of a terrorised wife and her small son — not for nothing does the lad appear early on in a Robin Hood costume complete with bow and arrows. Then there's a psychotic armed robber, the ongoing (very topical) suing of a giant tobacco firm and the equally ongoing efforts of all the young lawyers to raise enough funding simply to pay their household bills.

Room 101
BBC2, 10.00pm

End of the line and, though it may seem we have been promised Ulrika Jonsson before, she really does close Nick Hancock's series. She's a bit of an oddball is Ulrika — gorgeous to a fault and proud of it (note the coquettish use of legs and tossing hair) but she also has an almost blokeish sense of humour. Witness her illustration of how [illegible] Country types might cope with one of her pet hates — yapping Yorkshire terriers. Other hates include depressing, over-disciplined doctors' surgeries (look out for one of the funniest film clips in the series), sweaty locker-rooms (why are Nick and his guests so preoccupied with knickers and dirty socks?), school hockey and American television's obsession with non-stop keep-fit channels. Hit and miss the series may have been, but the hits have far outnumbered the misses. **Elizabeth Cowley**

RADIO CHOICE

Kaleidoscope Feature: Rocket Man and the Chipolata Fingers
Radio 4, 9.30pm

The second and final part of Paul Gambaccini's interview with Elton John, which for frankness and an absence of prevarication takes some beating. The troubles of wealthy artistes are not normally a cause to detain most of us for long but John is so up-front and indeed matter-of-fact about his troubles in the 1980s that the listener is compelled to feel for the man. John clearly prolonged his drug dependency by convincing himself that fame and money meant he needed no help, a conviction which faded after he had returned to drugs several times. John says that it was 16 years before he was able to admit that he needed help. Once he did, he started to recover.

The BBC Archive
Radio 3, 2pm

This is a new series but not a new programme. It used to be called *Mining The Archive* but now returns with a more determinist BBC label, part of a trend throughout the corporation to ensure the assets are maximised and properly described: note the *BBC Proms* instead of the *Henry Wood Promenade Concerts*. The BBC has such a wealth of material that a series like this could run forever without straining and there are some real gems ahead, including live concerts transmitted during the Blitz. This being Radio 3, the emphasis is musical but the context often makes the recording more than a mere artistic artifice. Paul Guinery mines the archive with Simon Rooks, the BBC's senior librarian. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong: Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Denis Quilley Shares the Best of Times **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. The BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth, from the Opera House, Buxton. With guest singers Jacquelyn Fugelle, John Cashmore and guitarist Juan Martin **9.15** The Tailor of Panama. John le Carré reads part seven of his book. Pendel invents a major international conspiracy **9.30** Listen to the Band. Frank Renton presents and conducts a session from the Desford Colliery Band in Leicestershire **10.00** The Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Charles Nove **4.00** Diane Louise Jordan

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Alan Green's Sportstalk **8.30** Friday Sport. Includes second-half commentary on Brentford v Wycombe Wanderers. David Oates presents the Nationwide League action from Griffin Park. Plus golf news from the British Masters **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn **5.00** Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Close Encounters **7.45** The Way We Are **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: Red Dwarf **8.30** Music Review **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** The Learning World **10.30** BBC English: Speaking of English **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Plants of Power **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Focus on Faith **1.00** News, News in German (648 only) **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Ends of the World **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: Alternative **4.00** News **4.05** Football Extra **4.15** A Step Too Far **4.30** Science in Action; News in German (648 only) **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** The Insider's Guide; News in German (648 only) **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** A Step Too Far **2.45** The Insider's Guide **2.55** Spotlight **3.00** Newsday **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour **2.00** Concerto. Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. J-M Damase (Sonata for Flute and Harp) **8.00** Evening Concert. Beethoven (Symphony No 4; Symphony No 7) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r) **4.00** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Handel (Coronation Anthem No 1, Zadok the Priest); Fauré (Theme and Variations); Albeniz, arr Stokowski (Festival in Seville); Vivaldi (Cello Sonata in B flat); Puccini (Vissi d'Arte, Tosca)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes C.P.E. Bach (Concerto in E flat); Berlioz (La Belle Voyageuse); Bliss (A Colour Symphony)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Suk (Towards a New Life), Dvořák (Violin Sonatina in G), Smetana (Vltava, Ma Vlast); Handel (Sonata in B minor); Koechlin (Seven Stars' Symphony, 7th mvt); Surinach (Hollywood Carnival) Mozart (Ah, Lo Previdi, K272); Martinu (The Frescoes of Piero della Francesca)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Clementi
1.00pm News; Pisendel at the Court of Dresden. Nicholas Anderson presents music by Johann Georg Pisendel and his contemporaries, performed by Collegium Musicum 90 under Simon Standage. Vivaldi (Violin Sonata in D minor); Benedetto Marcello (Double Concerto in F); Vivaldi (Violin Sonata in G minor); Pisendel (Concerto in E flat for Two Oboes and Bassoon; Sonata in A minor for Solo Violin; Violin Concerto in D) (3/3) (r)
2.00 The BBC Archive. See Choice
4.00 Music Restored (r)
4.45 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson explores ways in which flutes are used across different cultures of the world
5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Stravinsky (Suite: The Firebird); Françaix (Piano Concertino); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le Toit)
7.30 Performance on 3. A concert given at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, as part of the 1995 Clerkenwell Series. Margaret Feaviour, soprano, Andrew Murgatroyd, tenor, Gordon Hunt, oboe, Michael Berkeley, narrator, BBC Singers, New London Orchestra, under Ronald Corp. Delius (Summer Night on the River; On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Anthony Milner (Roman Spring); Marcel Wengler (Oboe Concerto); Vaughan Williams (An Oxford Elegy)
8.55 Postscript: The Landscapes of Man Amid the current interest in the environment, this programme investigates innovative schemes to repair industrial scars and a new flowering of landscape design talent (5/5) (r)
9.20 Music for Organ. Graham Barber plays the four-manual Walker organ in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Reger (Prelude and Fugue in E; Chorale Fantasia on Wachet Auf)
10.00 Hear and Now. Andrew Sparling visits the 1997 Vale of Glamorgan Festival. Includes the first performance of Max Richter's *A House Made of Cloud* and Eleanor Alberga's *Wild Blue Yonder*. The performers include the composers themselves, the Smith Quartet and a percussion quartet led by Chris Brannick
11.30 Composer of the Week: Verdi (r)
12.30am Songs from Saturn. Jez Nelson investigates the story of the jazz band leader Sun Ra, the jazz band leader who said he came from Saturn
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Speak After the Beep (5/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is the opera singer and actor Willard White
9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Libel (FM). Libel barrister Manuel Barca presents maverick courtroom dramas which created a sensation in their day. In his bestseller, Exodus, Leon Uris mentioned by name a prisoner-doctor at Auschwitz who performed experiments in surgery without anaesthetic. The doctor sued and both won and lost his case (5/5)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Gail Foley
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures. A celebration of strawberries (r) **12.56** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast (LW)
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Lorna Doone. The first part of Barry Letts's adaptation of R.D. Blackmore novel (r)
3.00 News; the Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow looks at the works of art currently exhibited in the Royal Academy, and reviews Zoe Wanamaker in a version of Sophocles's *Electra*
4.45 Short Story: Patience, by Frances Galleymore read by Ann Beach (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. Survival expert Hugh McManners climbs Pen-y-Fan in the Brecon Beacons
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? In the first of a new series, Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Fowlmere, Hertfordshire. The panellists are Michael Ancram, MP; Jackie Ballard, MP, Peter Hain, MP, and Mary Ann Sieghart, assistant editor of *The Times*
8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character. John Florance talks to Juliet Barker, Steve Davies and Glyn Hughes about *Wuthering Heights* (3/4)
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. See Choice
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain. Read by Kelsey Grammer (5/5)
11.00 Do Go On, with Ainlsey Elliot and guests (3/4)
11.25 Tee Junction, with Patrick Hannan and guests
11.45 Beyond the Millennium, Dr Clement Bezold tells Sheena McDonald his predictions for the year 2010 (2/6)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Lanchester (10/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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The very model of a television science show

A test for you. Imagine: you are in charge of a national TV channel. A producer comes to you with an idea for a scientific programme. It seems, she says, that some of the principles of alternative medicine might not be entirely wrong after all and that there is some small scientific evidence that one's state of mind might be able to exert some equally small effect on the state of one's health. You're interested.

The programme you commission is: a) *It's All In The Mind!*, a fast-paced, early evening studio-based show in which Russell Grant, Carol Vorderman and Zoe Ball show us, with the help of puppet warthogs Tweaky and Twonk, just how the new research means those wacky alternative medics might have got it right after all.

b) *Mind Over Matter!*, a live and lively debate between the High Poobah of the Confederation of Homoeopaths, the press officer of high street needle franchise Acupuncture Is Us, our own Dr Thomas Stuttaford and an audience of assorted suited clinicians and sandal-wearing New Agers, moderated by Robert Kilroy Silk, who gets his teeth smacked when he intervenes in a fistfight between an irate reflexologist from Bootle and the President of the Royal College of Podiatrists.

c) *Don't Mind Me!*, in which suave, dinner-jacketed hypnotist Paul McKenna demonstrates the uncanny power of the mind by persuading a barmaid from Wythenshawe that she's Carol Vorderman singing *Heartbreak Hotel* to an audience of Korean nuns.

d) *Mind Over Body*, an episode of **Horizon** (BBC2) in which the people who actually did the research talk about their work engagingly and prove that a cracking narrative can be carved out of a tale of scientific discovery without ever needing to make any more claims for their findings than the results allow.

If you answered (a) there's a great job for you on prime-time TV, filling the quota for scientific programming with something which is near enough to science to fool the punters — who'd otherwise probably be watching *Coronation Street* anyway.

If (b) then, like so many daytime TV producers, you understand that true scientific debate is about personalities rather than results. If (c), you're a Channel 3 sort of guy or gal — you know that science needn't be boring old men with test-tubes, but can be fun, fun, fun! Provided that you leave out all that scientific stuff. If (d), you were responsible for my getting down on my knees last night and thanking the Lord for the BBC.

Horizon is one of the few remaining places in television where they take science seriously and where the production staff see their secondary duty — the primary one being to the viewers — as being to science rather than to tabloid headlines.

REVIEW

John Diamond

Mind Over Body looked at one of those apparently commonsense propositions, the sort of thing that "everybody knows": that positive thinking helps to cure disease. Certainly since I started writing about my own illness in this paper I've had any number of letters from readers telling me that it's a proven fact that those who think the right thoughts stand a better chance of recovering from cancer.

In fact, any other than anecdotal proof for this belief is hard to find. We'd like to believe it to be true, and so much of pop science on TV nowadays is about what we'd like to believe rather than about what is proveably the case.

The problem is that the idea of the mind's affecting the body's chemical and mechanical processes contravenes 20th-century science's credo that the two work entirely independently of each other. Prove otherwise and suddenly all sorts of medical impossibilities are wiped out.

On any other channel *Mind Over Body* would have been dragged into the sceptic-orthodoxy versus credulous-alternative-heterodoxy rough-house; *Horizon* avoided that fight because it understood that the real tussle is between science and science. It understood that when science takes an element of the alternativist's creed and proves through experimentation that a phenomenon is replicable and consistent, this is a substantiation of science rather than of the alternativist's anti-science.

The programme's great trick is in maintaining its tight focus. Last night's story was a simple one: that of the relationship between particular neurochemicals and particular parts of the immune system. It started quietly — with the story of a young girl who was trained to replicate mentally the effect of taking a chemical remedy for her overactive immune system — and progressed in a restrained way through some of the other work in the new field of psychoneuroimmunology, including one study which seemed to take as its *starting point* the belief that marriage is of itself a stressful estate.

At no point was anybody tempted to make more of the results than they could or should. On lesser programmes, those with an eye to their Light Ents rivals on the other side, this would have drifted into a *speculative look* at what the repercussions might be if the research is taken further.

Here the producer kept to the show's brief: at every point it was emphasised that the results show the brain may interact with the immune system and may be able *to extend life — but that isn't the* same as saying that pure thoughts can cure illness.

It wasn't the most important scientific programme, nor the most gripping. But in an age in which science is so often seen as an incomprehensible threat, it was a model of what science on TV can, and should, be.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (43722)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98914703)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2789600)
9.30 Style Challenge Two tap-dancing pensioners (1527600)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (5649161)
10.35 Change That (1739987)
11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (4938155)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9041074)
11.35 Room for Improvement Denise Waterman visits a church converted into a stylish home by restaurateur Bernadette O'Shea. Last in series (2612074)
12.00 News (T) and weather (6571277)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (9786068)
12.35 Going for a Song (9762529) **WALES: 12.35** Referendum Results (5726223)
1.00 News (T) and weather (58567)
1.30 Regional News (T) (17586155)
1.40 The Weather Show (87441068)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (77392548)
2.10 Quincy Two apparently unrelated murders intrigue Quincy (r) (8996857)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (1074)
3.30 Playdays (8328703) **3.50** Dear Mr Barker (1762616) **4.05** Bananaman (3898093) **4.10** To Me, to You Last in series (T) (4832093) **4.35** Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (r) (T) (6826432) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9165068) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (5127364)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (329906)
6.00 News (T) and weather (529)
6.30 Regional News (T) (109)
7.00 Weekend Watchdog With Anne Robinson. Includes advice on planning a cheaper weekend break. Plus: an examination of the success of the Manchester United phone card (T) (7105)
7.30 Top of the Pops (T) (203)
8.00 Vets In Practice New year brings new problems for the new vets. Trude treats a German shepherd puppy which has swallowed a toy; Alison and her boyfriend face a momentous decision; Julie restarts her career in Runcorn (T) (2703)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Comedy with Patricia Routledge (r) (T) (1838)
9.00 News (T) and weather (3890)
9.30 Dangerfield: Blood Money Good Samaritan Al offers sanctuary to a mugging victim, only to discover her guest is involved in smuggling illegal immigrants into Britain as cheap labour (T) (105068)
10.20 Parkinson: The Interviews Michael Parkinson introduces an archive interview with Bob Hope (T) (991567)
11.00 Uncommon Valour (1983) starring Gene Hackman and Patrick Swayze A Vietnam veteran takes the law into his own hands when the authorities fail to track down his missing son. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (T) (144548) FILM
12.45am Forced Vengeance (1982) Chuck Norris high-kicks his way, as a Vietnam veteran turned security man, through this martial arts thriller directed by James Fargo (2534846) FILM
2.10 Weather (1656136)

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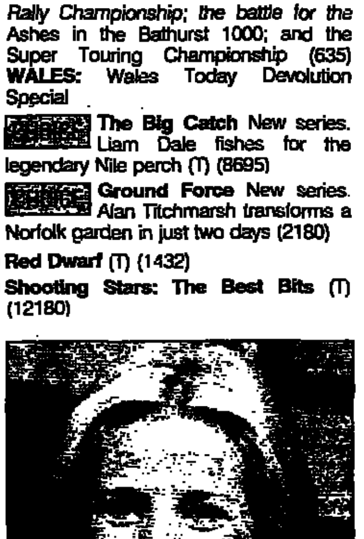
BBC2

6.00am Open Univeristy: Social Problems and Social Welfare (4639703) **6.25** Modelling in the Money Markets (4658838) **6.50** Selling (5456838)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4596258)
7.30 Smurfs Adventures (r) (6687635) **7.55** Cartoon Critters (r) (T) (5519513) **8.20** William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (3291659) **8.25** Wishing (r) (7349567) **8.35** Teletubbies (r) (1264703) **9.00** Harry and the Hendersons (T) (2788971) **9.25** Flash Gordon (r) (3057093) **9.45** Rocky Star (b/w) (8852890) **9.50** Cartoon (8777155) **10.00** Teletubbies (20242)
10.30 The Lone Rider In Ghost Town (1941, b/w) Musical western with George Houston as the harmonic horseman. Directed by Sam Newfield (3877364) FILM
11.25 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (T) (6113616) **12.15pm** Unspeakable Verse (r) (7323703) **12.30** Working Lunch (68056) **1.00** The Little Polar Bear (r) (73665451) **1.05** Pingu (r) (73664722) **1.10** The Craft Hour (7882744) **2.10** Consuming Passions (11460109)
2.20 Racing from Newbury A four-race card featuring the **2.40; 3.10; 3.40** and **4.10** (56399451)
4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6825703) **4.55** Esther: Astrology (6641154) **5.30** Today's the Day (258)
6.00 Star Trek Kirk's reunion with an old friend turns sour (r) (T) (171093)
6.50 The X Philes (857987)
7.00 The Whitbread Round the World Race Preview (8797)
7.30 Motormonth The climax of the British Rally Championship; the battle for the Ashes in the Bathurst 1000; and the Super Touring Championship (635) **WALES:** Wales Today Devolution Special
8.00 The Big Catch New series. Liam Dale fishes for the legendary Nile perch (T) (8695)
8.30 Ground Force New series. Alan Titchmarsh transforms a Norfolk garden in just two days (2180)
9.00 Red Dwarf (T) (1432)
9.30 Shooting Stars: The Best Bits (T) (12180)

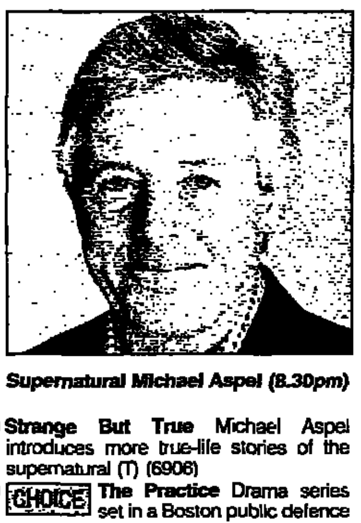


Ulrika Jonsson's pet hates (10pm)

10.00 Room 101 Ulrika Jonsson chooses and justifies her pet hates. Last in series (73703)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (674548)
11.15 VR 5 Sydney gets involved with an underhand bank clerk (642109)
12.00 Walking on Thin Ice Last in series (1001961)
12.10am Japanese Manga (3426285)
12.40 Akira (1988) Animation set in 21st-century Japan, directed by Katsuhiro Otomo (914372) FILM
2.40 Weather (7068198)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7402819)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2785884)
9.55 Regional News (T) (1315345)
10.00 The Time, the Place (T) (24068)
10.30 This Morning (T) (18123548)
12.20pm HTV News (6560161) (6586109)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9685426)
12.55 WALES: Referendum '97: Wales Decides Reaction from across Wales to the results of the Welsh Assembly Referendum (9766345)
12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (9766345) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (58490906) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (r) (3690890)
2.50 WALES: What's My Line? (6077819)
2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (6077819)
3.20 News (T) (4097451)
3.25 Regional News (T) (4096722)
3.30 Jay's World (r) (1680068) **3.40** Kipper (7416600) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (7412884) **4.00** Roger and the Rottentrolls (2829987) **4.15** Hurricanes (4826432) **4.40** Fun House (T) (7423819)
5.10 A Country Practice (2592600)
5.40 News (T) and weather (499884)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (648839)
6.25 HTV Weather (359635)
6.30 HTV News (T) (277)
7.00 Emmerdale Pollard confronts Marlon about the pills (T) (1451)
7.30 Coronation Street Steve finds himself in deep trouble with Alan (T) (161)
8.00 The Bill CID and uniform branches compete against each other in an attempt to solve the most crimes (T) (4971)



Supernatural Michael Aspel (8.30pm)

8.30 Strange But True Michael Aspel introduces more true-life stories of the supernatural (T) (6906)
9.00 CHOICE **The Practice** Drama series set in a Boston public defence practice (T) (4277)
10.00 News (T) and weather (77529)
10.30 Regional News (T) (387136)
10.40 WALES: Referendum '97: Wales Decides Analysis of the results (951109)
10.40 Late and Live (9367109)
11.15 WALES: The Big Story: Public Shaming (162249)
11.45 WALES: Weekly World News (663242)
12.10am WALES: The LADS (T) (3453339)
12.10 Short Story Cinema (3453339)
12.40 The Paul Ross Show (5708827)
2.10 Young Einstein (1989) starring and directed by Yahoo Serious with Odile Le Clezio and John Howard. Off-beat telling of Einstein's humble beginnings growing up in the Tasmanian outback (2986865) FILM
3.35 National Amateur Garden Show (97224662) **4.05** Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (53202846) **4.35** Coach (r) (31466372) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (59778) **5.30** News (19575)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9766345)
2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (6077819)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2592600)
6.25-7.00 Central News (604906)
10.40 Central Weekend Live (9367109)
12.10am Campus Cops (3453339)
2.10 The LADS (9349952)
2.45 Box Office America (7233001)
3.50 Helter Skelter (4770469)
4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (8822399)
5.20 Asian Eye (1142914)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (9766345)
1.25 Dressing Up (66931118)
1.55 Westcountry Update (77390180)
2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (5399862)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2592600)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (58631)
10.30 Westcountry News (976068)
10.45 Digance Revived (413548)
11.45 Hunter (358258)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9766345)
1.50 Serve You Right (77308109)
2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (8239971)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2592600)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (58631)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (976068)
10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show (912726)
11.15 Weekly World News (162249)
11.45 Wiseguy (358258)
5.00am Freescreen (59778)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6483068)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9766345)
1.50 A Splash of Colour (77308109)
2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (8239971)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2592600)
6.23 Anglia Weather (350364)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (604906)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (384600)
10.30 Anglia News Extra (86277)
11.00 Film: The Haunted Palace (148364)

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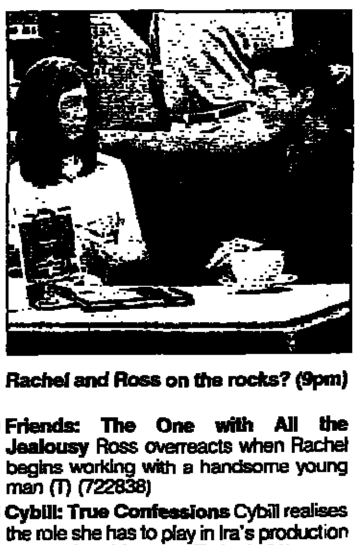
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (31890) **9.00 Something So Right** (87906) **9.30 Film: Half Angel** (4107971) **10.55 Exposed** (9964971) **11.00 The Great Outdoors** (6364) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (7093) **12.00 Sesame Street** (94242) **12.30pm Baby Baby** (21884) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (83939529) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (83854884) **1.30 My Wife's Relations** (77380703) **1.55 Film: The Corn Is Green** (61825884) **4.00 Bewitched** (890) **4.30 Out of Africa** (154) **5.00 5 Pump** (5036722) **5.15 Nics Nain** (9160513) **5.30 Countdown** (426) **6.00 Newyddion** (463277) **6.15 Heno** (249513) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (740258) **7.25 Byd Arall** (629155) **8.00 Yma Mae 'Nghan** (2513) **8.30 Newyddion** (89703) **9.30 Short Stories: The Bridge** (14548) **10.00 Brookside** (973161) **10.35 Friends** (495242) **11.05 Jo Brand Show: Like It or Lump It** (332600) **11.35 King of the Hill** (485906) **12.05am TFI Friday** (9060989) **1.05 Film: The Way of the Dragon** (725001) **2.50 Robin** (7066730) **3.00 Film: Things to Come** (979001) **4.40 Lost for Words** (64749223)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (36432) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (31890) **9.00** Something So Right (87906)
9.30 Half Angel (1951) Comedy with Loretta Young as a prim nurse whose personality changes when she sleepwalks. Directed by Richard Sale (4107971) FILM
10.55 Exposed: Graduation ceremonies (9964971)
11.00 The Great Outdoors (r) (6364)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Parrotfish and crab salad; spicy lamb with fruit and veg; baked bananas, lemon and rum sauce (T) (7093)
12.00 Sesame Street (94242) **12.30pm** Baby Baby (21884) **1.00** Light Lunch (r) (22567)
2.00 Five Fingers (1952, b/w) starring James Mason and Michael Rennie. A clerk in the British Embassy in Ankara during the Second World War sells secrets to the Nazis. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (4890) FILM
4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (890) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6747971) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (3390682) **5.30** Absolutely Animals (4/8) (r) (T) (426)
6.00 TFI Friday with Chris Evans. The guests include Robbie Coltrane (58613)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (823364)
7.55 Get Sorted Carpet cleaning (262180)
8.00 Garden Party A visit to the Garden in Mind in West Sussex (T) (2513)
8.30 Brookside Will baby Corkhill prove too much of a temptation for Susannah? Is Danny's friendship with Tinhead getting out of hand? (T) (4548)



Rachel and Ross on the rocks? (9pm)

9.00 Friends: The One with All the Jealousy Ross overreacts when Rachel begins working with a handsome young man (T) (722838)
9.35 Cybill: True Confessions Cybill realises the role she has to play in Ira's production is based on Maryann (T) (432426)
10.00 Frasier Niles lends Martin and Sherry his apartment for the night — but gets back early (T) (95971)
10.30 Jo Brand: Like It or Lump It Stand-up and sketches (T) (953567)
11.05 King of the Hill Adult animation (T) (332600)
11.35 TFI Friday (r) (683762)
12.35am The Way of the Dragon (1973) Kung fu drama written, directed, produced by and starring Bruce Lee (460136) FILM
2.20 Robin Adult animation (8463001)
2.30 Things to Come (1936, b/w) H.G. Wells's vision of the future, starring Raymond Massey. Directed by William Cameron Menzies (T) (939223) FILM
4.10 Lost for Words A black comedy starring Peter Capaldi (r) (53209759) **4.40** Takeover TV (r) (64749223) **5.10** Fluke (r) (8338339)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt decoder** will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02** and **7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7204616)
7.30 USA High (r) (5395797)
8.00 Havakazoo (3813659)
8.30 WideWorld The impact of computers on businesses (8/15) (3712600)
9.00 Espresso (7746161) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6927616)
10.30 Land of the Lion: After the Rains (r) (T) (4368744)
11.00 Leeza (1364722) **11.50** Double Espresso (69693838) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7673056) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9873616) **1.00** 5 News (85947838) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8549890) **2.00** 5's Company (8510451)
3.30 She'll Take Romance (1990) starring Linda Evans and Tom Skerritt. A comedy about a television weathergirl who is persuaded by her bosses to judge a "Romantic Man" contest. Directed by Piers Haggard (8600567) FILM
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11181277)
5.30 Move on Up (T) (9099093)
6.00 100 Per Cent (9096906)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (9087258)
7.00 Name That Tune Music quiz, presented by Jools Holland (8069529)
7.30 Exclusive (9903242)

Out and about with Sally (8.00pm)

8.00 Attractions Leisure time ideas, introduced by Sally Meen from Newcastle (8078277)
8.30 5 News (T) (8984884)
9.00 The Lady Forgets (1989) with Donna Mills and Greg Evigan. A mystery thriller directed by Bradford May (96444567) FILM
10.50 La Femme Nikita Action adventure series (2495529)
11.45 Girl on a Motorcycle (1968) starring Marianne Faithfull and Alain Delon. An erotic tale of a newlywed, already tired of her boring schoolmaster husband, who decides to go to join her former lover. Jack Cardiff directs (3102971) FILM
1.25am Johnnie Mae Gibson: FBI (1986) with Lynn Whitfield A drama about a policewoman who is chosen for a top secret assignment involving the infiltration of a gun-running operation. Directed by Bill Duke (7628049) FILM
3.10 Tomorrow We Live (1942, b/w) with John Clements Propaganda drama about a British agent in occupied France. Directed by George King (90271020) FILM
4.40 Burke's Law Detective series (5991579)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7638198)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● **For more comprehensive *listings of satellite and cable* channels, see Vision, published on Saturday**

SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (404838) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (13093) **10.00** Another World (92971) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (85635) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (62155) **1.00pm** Geraldo (44703) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (41703) **3.00** Jenny Jones (51529) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (83384) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7600) **6.00** Real TV (6890) **6.30** Married...with Children (4242) **7.00** The Simpsons (9529) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8646) **8.00** Highlander (83816) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (96180) **10.00** Best of Ibiza (20635) **10.30** Eat My Sports! (33155) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (93600) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (93136) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (2863952)

SKY BOX OFFICE

(PAY-PER-VIEW)
A chance to see the **Music for Montserrat** benefit concert featuring Eric Clapton, Elton John, Paul McCartney and Sting. The two-hour concert will be broadcast at 8pm and 11pm on Transponder 60

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Only You (1994) (44109) **8.00 Canadian Bacon (1994)** (13778249) **9.45 The Stone Boy (1984)** (16857513) **11.30 Shattered Vows (1984)** (71920109) **1.15pm The Guns (1969)** (429529) **3.15 Homeward Bound (1993)** (44675451) **5.00 Canadian Bacon (1994)** (35567) **7.00 Big (1988)** (98684) **9.00 The Bridges of Madison County (1995)** (58558890) **11.15 The Movie Show** (630083) **11.45 Indecent Behaviour III (1995)** (280345) **1.20am I'll Do Anything (1994)** (210925) **3.15 The Spiral Staircase (1975)** (632339) **4.45 The Stone Boy (1984)** (1642865)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am The Gallant Hours (1960) (71652277) **8.10 Behind the Waterfall (1995)** (90443635) **9.50 A Girl Must Live (1939)** (8956155) **11.05 The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965)** (27552345) **2.15pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966)** (233074) **4.00 Time Warrior: The Human Pets (1995)** (3074) **6.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play (1996)** (25884) **7.30 UK Top 10** (9364) **8.00 Co-Ed Call Girl (1995)** (11682) **10.00 Marked Man (1995)** (171567) **11.35 Dolores Claiborne (1995)** (68289155) **1.50am Crosscut (1996)** (412285) **3.30 Student Affairs (1988)** (898198) **5.05 Peter-No-Tail (1983)** (5000933)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm West Side Story (1961) (1908161) **6.30 Two of a Kind (1983)** (9407906) **8.00 The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox (1976)** (3962258) **10.00 Battle of the Bulge (1965)** (5904451) **12.30am Predator (1987)** (2060643) **2.20 The Devil Rides Out (1968)** (12495489)

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (37864242) **9.00 The Maltese Falcon (1941)** (37947529) **11.00 The Big Sleep (1946)** (80645635) **1.00am The Outfit (1974)** (40365117) **2.45 The Last Run (1971)** (64629488) **5.00 Close**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (39426) **7.30** Wrestling (15180) **8.30** Sports Centre (22616) **9.00** Racing News (40068) **9.30** Aerobics (59258) **10.00** Full Throttle (95548) **10.30** Golf. British Masters — Live (673426) **1.30pm** The Rugby Club (46797) **3.00** Golf: British Masters — Live (590074) **6.00** Sports Centre (81093) **7.00** Super League — Live (808345) **9.30** World Sport Special (73838) **10.00** Sports Centre (37451) **11.00** Hold the Back Page (11074) **12.00** Golf: British Masters (50681) **1.30am** Sports Centre (53440) **2.30** Wrestling (92339) **4.30** Hold the Back Page (24608) **5.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (6938093) **7.30** Sports Centre (6844600) **8.00** Racing News (5917074) **8.30** Tight Lines (5161451) **9.30** The Rugby Club (4086987) **11.00** Formula Three (6933548) **12.00** Sailing (5910161) **12.30pm** Football League Review (7993267) **1.00** Australian Rules Football (8072277) **3.00** Full Throttle (9200093) **3.30** Trans World Sport (1206068) **4.30** The Rugby Club (2009819) **6.00** Sailing: European Regatta (6285221) **6.30** Inside the Senior PGA Tour (2580613) **7.00** Football Brentford v Wycombe Wanderers — Live (4882190) **10.00** Golf Texas Open — Live (7441529) **12.00** World Sport Special (8401730) **12.30am** Super League (5037440) **2.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Trans World Sport (29891364) **1.00pm** Tight Lines (29704884) **2.00** Bobby Charlton's Soccer Scrapbook (80635258) **3.30** Powerboat and Jetski World (31100971) **4.00** Davis Cup: USA v Australia — Live (18079345) **9.00** Sailing (59925890) **9.30** Inside the Senior PGA Tour (29892093) **10.00** Wrestling (59843242) **12.00** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motors Magazine (17548) **8.30** World Air Games (11906) **9.30** Football: Under-17 (65703) **11.00** European Cup Winners' Cup First Round First-Leg (63155) **1.00pm** International Motorsports Magazine (70797) **2.00** Cycling: Tour of Spain — Live (27426) **3.30** World Air Games — Live (67971) **5.00** Football (32093) **7.00** World Air Games (30548) **8.00** Tractor Pulling (43068) **9.00** Boxing (29432) **10.00** Sumo (39819) **11.00** Fun Sports (97345) **11.30** Bodybuilding (21242) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (4126451) **7.35** Neighbours (9978109) **8.00** Crossroads (9449722) **8.25** EastEnders (3967451) **9.00** The Bill (6009838) **9.30** Howards' Way (4359987) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1739161) **10.30** The Sullivans (6098722) **11.00** Boon (53240432) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72378819) **12.30** Neighbours (4353703) **1.00** EastEnders (4469285) **1.35** Two Ronnies (7413105) **2.35** After the Show (1670797) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2060451) **3.30** The Bill (4986971) **4.00** Casualty (11786345) **5.05** EastEnders (3654708) **5.40** Bob's Full House (9455426) **6.20** Two Ronnies (4240277) **7.20** Dr Who (9455722) **7.50** Home to Roost (9983249) **8.20** Brush Strokes (8260703) **9.00** The Bill (2255838) **9.30** Minder (55866703) **10.35** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (2111600) **11.20 FILM: George and Mildred (1980)** (8654161) **1.00am** Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game (2615001) **1.55** Survivors (3202827) **2.50** Shopping (77176310)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am E! Uncut (3369154) **6.30** Beadle's About (6679426) **7.00** Coronation St (8322971) **7.30** Families (8414906) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (5196242) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (7054762) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8403890) **11.00** The Sandbaggers (8327426) **12.00** Coronation St (5486529) **12.30pm** Families (1027548) **1.00** Blind Date (1015703) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6767636) **3.00** Beadle's About (8013180) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7911180) **4.00** Mission Impossible (6066368) **5.00** The Sandbaggers (8004432) **6.00** Families (7917364) **6.30** Coronation St (7908616) **7.00** Blind Date (7600600) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7798548) **9.00** Coronation St (4163762) **9.30** The Comedians (1934884) **10.00** Harry's Game (7609971) **11.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo (45141) **6.30** Lamb Chop (96890) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (34548) **7.30** Quack Pack (40155) **8.00** Dinosaurs (83797) **8.30** Bonkers (82068) **9.00** Gummi Bears (79548) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (15838) **10.00** Sesame Street (42567) **11.00** Huey Pot (6109180) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (4278242) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (3687123) **12.00** Mr Garage (7786722) **12.45pm** Winnie the Pooh (2636600) **1.00** Sesame Street (14109) **2.00** Amazing Animals (2529) **2.30** Care Bears (6267)

Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood find romance (Sky Movies, 9pm)

3.00 Tale Spin (4364) **3.30** Goof Troop (5722) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (1529) **4.30** Aladdin (7613) **5.00** Gargoyles (6109) **5.30** Dinosaurs (4093) **6.00** Nightmare Ned (1906) **6.30** Wonder Years (2258) **7.00** Wayne Manifesto (6345) **7.30 FILM: Herbie Rides Again (1974)** (90631) **9.00** Second Noah (67616) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dolly and His Friends (6549906) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2571838) **7.00** Pinocchio (4126567) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4107074) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8719819) **8.30** Masked Rider (8701890) **9.00** The Magic Box (8629242) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (6017819) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (8825426) [illegible] Cats [illegible] **11.00** Sweet Valley High (4116722) **12.00** Ace Ventura (8712906) **12.30pm** Casper (6011838) **1.00** The Tick (4127838) **1.30** Iron Man (5010906) **2.00** Fantastic Four (8262258) **3.00** Power Rangers Zeo (7162451) **3.30** Beetleborgs (6294093) **3.30** Masked Rider (1621068) **4.00** Ace Ventura (1706703) **4.30** Casper (1702987) **5.00** The Tick (8098838) **5.30** X-Men (1722567) **6.00** Spiderman (1716180) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (1707452) **7.00** Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (88345) **6.30** Bobby's World (84744) **7.00** Spirou (30722) **7.30** Dennis the Menace (26529) **8.00** Batman (89971) **8.30** Bots Master (88242) **9.00** Art Attack (75722) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (15884) **10.00** Gravedale High (90616) **10.30** Flash Gordon (71906) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (50884) **11.30** Gigantor (51513) **12.00** Gravedale High (62258) **12.30pm** Bots Master (19600) **1.00** Batman (39093) **1.30** Eek the Cat (18971) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (8703) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6451) **3.00** Sonic (7838) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (2068) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (7703) **4.30** Art Attack (3987) **5.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from **5.00am** to **8.00pm**, seven days a week.

NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes (40161) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (59338) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (37068) **7.30** Rugrats (12703) **8.00** Doug (21987) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (20258) **9.00** CBBC (44838) **9.30** CBBC (37628) **10.30** Babar (33722) **11.00** Magic School Bus (18838) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (19567) **12.00** Paddington Bear etc (24074) **12.30pm** Portland Bill etc (51616) **1.00** Dr Seuss (32567) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (50987) **2.00** Animal Show (3669) **2.30** CBBC (8277) **3.00** CBBC (2364) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (3722) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (9529) **4.30** Rugrats (5513) **5.00** Sister Sister (4109) **5.30** Sister Sister (2093) **6.00** Sabrina (9806) **6.30** Kablam! (1118) **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00 Swan's Crossing (6901242) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (4275971) **1.00** Madison (5390646) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4274243) **2.00** Saved by the Bell (6449529) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (4072722) **3.00** Ready or Not (6451364) **3.30** No Naked Flames (4084567) **4.00** Saved by the Bell (4063074) **4.30** USa High (4069258) **5.00** Hangtime (6463109) **5.30** Sweet Valley High (4083838) **6.00** Blast (4073451) **6.30** Madison (4064703) **7.00** Hangtime (6443345) **7.30** USA High (4060987) **8.00** Close

BRAVO

8.00pm The Prisoner (1477600) **9.00** Burning Zone (1560364) **10.00** Tour of Duty (1583451) **11.00 FILM: Hell Up In Harlem (1973)** (6829906) **1.00am** Burning Zone (7223285) **2.00** Tour of Duty (9007575) **3.00 FILM: Hell up in Harlem (1973)** (1586662) **5.00** Alien Nation (1353846)

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Surface tension dominates proceedings in key championship encounter

Kent pitch in for final assault

By Simon Wilde

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 93 runs ahead of Surrey

KENT have committed themselves to a dangerous game in their efforts to bring home the county championship for the first time in 19 years. Charged with taking maximum points from their final match and hoping that Glamorgan make errors at Taunton, their strategy was breathtakingly high-risk and looks like costing them three bonus batting points — if not worse — and leaving them reliant on Glamorgan being held to an unlikely draw.

The events of the first day at Canterbury could scarcely have been packed with more drama, but conversation rarely strayed for long from the pitch — green, full of pace and bounce, possibly damp early on, and last used four years ago in a Sunday league game made memorable for Viv Richards being hurried in his stroke by a novice called Duncan Spencer.

Surrey, put in by Kent, who won a toss that gave them use of the conditions when the ball swung in the morning haze, were all out in two hours and ten minutes for 124. Kent replied, in their usual tail-wagging-the-dog fashion, with 217 for nine. Seven batsmen were out for nought and, but for the boundaries being short — the pitch was situated at one end of the square — the balance between bat and ball would be even more lop-sided.

Of the 282 runs that came from the bat, 186 came in boundaries.

With the weather forcast good, this game appears destined for a brutally short finish, which is hardly a fitting climax even for the 3,300 spectators who turned up yesterday. Commenting on the pitch, David Gilbert, the Surrey coach, said: "It has made a mockery of the occasion, which is not to say that we do not think we can still win."

In reality, by stumps Kent were strongly placed to win, possibly even by some time today, but there is the remote possibility that they will be docked points for preparing such a "sporting" surface.

With 19 wickets falling, umpires Jesty and Whitehead reported the pitch as a matter of course, but this was more than a routine step. "We think it is an underprepared pitch," Jesty said. A delegation of England and Wales Cricket Board officials can be expected at the ground today.

The pitch gave all the bowlers assistance, so much so that when a spin bowler, Rupesh Amin, the Surrey left-armer, was finally introduced shortly before tea, having watched the fast-medium bowlers move the ball around extravagantly, he turned four of his first nine balls markedly, the last of them accounting for Steve Marsh.

He continued long after tea and posed further problems, but curiously, Salisbury, the only other slow bowler in the game, was not called upon.

Even part-time seamers such as Ratcliffe and Butcher made the ball pop occasionally; that said, no one was physically hurt.

Kent thought that they were playing to their strength by preparing a pitch to suit the seamers and so it looked for much of the day. Even though Headley and McCague were on the sidelines, Igglesden and Thompson proved themselves worthy stand-ins with the new ball. Thompson, having slipped over on the dew in delivery during the first over, followed up by removing Bicknell and Ratcliffe in his second.

By the time he finished his spell, he had claimed four for 33 and Surrey were 40-odd for six. When Igglesden came off, with exemplary figures of 10-4-17-2, they were 70 for six. Neither was required to return as Phillips, Ealham and Fleming swiftly accounted for Butcher — who had seen six partners depart and batted for 100 minutes, despite suffering from a stomach upset — and the tail before the first session was complete.

By now, those with a taste for conspiracy theories were sharpening their pencils because Surrey's commitment to the fixture had been in question ever since Gilbert had made some ambiguous remarks after their recent match with Glamorgan.

But in truth most of the Surrey wickets were due to sound bowling: perhaps only Brown, caught on the boundary hooking, and Lewis, who drove tamely into the hands of cover, brought about their own downfalls.

The rumours were soon scotched once Kent took the field, as Surrey fought hard to get back into the game. Lewis removed Fulton with the first ball, Wells and Smith, who added 60 for the third wicket, might have been separated countless times, and when Kent were 126 for six, just two runs in front, the game was finely balanced.

The situation, however, was tailor-made for Ealham, who sniffed the air for an hour before punching his first boundary. As the ball softened, so the recovery gathered momentum. He added 36 with Marsh and 51 with Phillips and reached his fifty, the first of the game, after 2½ hours. He was removed in the next over only by a fine running catch by Butcher. It may be all to little avail.

Ed Smith, the Kent batsman, is relieved to see a slip catch dropped by Butcher

CANTERBURY SCOREBOARD

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Ward b Thompson	0
M A Butcher c Marsh b Phillips	38
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Thompson	0
*†A J Stewart c Fulton b Igglesden	4
A D Brown c Wells b Thompson	0
N Shahid b Igglesden	0
B C Hollioake c Smith b Thompson	2
C C Lewis c Fleming b Phillips	27
I D K Salisbury c Marsh b Ealham	8
J E Benjamin not out	17
R M Amin b Fleming	4
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 2, nb 10)	24
Total (27 overs)	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-22, 4-29, 5-29, 6-40, 7-74, 8-101, 9-105.

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-4-17-2; Thompson 8-1-33-4; Ealham 5-0-28-1; Phillips 2-0-19-2; Fleming 2-0-15-1.

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Butcher b Lewis	0
E T Smith lbw b Benjamin	26
T R Ward c Shahid b Hollioake	14
A P Wells c Lewis b Butcher	48
G R Cowdrey c Salisbury b Butcher	7
M A Ealham c Butcher b Hollioake	52
M V Fleming lbw b Hollioake	0
*†S A Marsh c Hollioake b Amin	16
B J Phillips not out	19
J B D Thompson c Stewart b Butcher	0
A P Igglesden not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 30)	34
Total (9 wkts, 72.5 overs)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-27, 3-87, 4-110, 5-125, 6-126, 7-162, 8-213, 9-213

BOWLING: Lewis 8-0-54-1, Hollioake 17.5-5-53-3; Benjamin 16-3-43-1; Butcher 16-6-24-3, Ratcliffe 3-0-18-0; Amin 12-5-21-1

Bonus points: Kent 5 Surrey 4

Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead

Jordan ends Hill's search for spare seat

From Michael Calvin in Zeltweg, Austria

THE demeaning saga of Damon Hill's struggle for alternative employment will reach a merciful conclusion at the A1 Ring in central Austria today, when he will be confirmed as the partner for Ralf Schumacher at Jordan Grand Prix next season.

A press conference called for 9.30am by Eddie Jordan, the team owner, will be the final act in a soap opera that has veered in emotional content between a whodunnit and a French farce. Even by the surreal standards of Formula One's silly season, the agonising over Hill's future has been bizarre.

He has been linked in recent weeks with virtually every team with a car that has a wheel on each corner. Already embarrassed by public rejections by Prost and McLaren, he was irked to discover yesterday that his departure from Arrows was being billed in some quarters as a humiliating dismissal.

He made the defiant gesture of setting the quickest time in a familiarisation session on the new circuit, set in the Styrian Mountains, but was notably downcast at a paddock party to mark his 37th birthday.

This had fallen the previous day when Tom Walkinshaw, the Arrows owner, refused to enter the spirit of things and announced that he had signed Mika Salo, the Finnish driver, for 1998, in Hill's place. Hill refused to talk in specific terms about his future, as he shared champagne and chocolate cake with his critics, although he insisted that he was 'very relaxed'.

True to the bluff and bluster of the negotiating process, he added archly that "it is always nice when you can concentrate on driving, on doing your job". The inference, that he was secure in the knowledge that Jordan had succumbed to the pressure applied by his principal sponsor to recruit a British driver, was obvious. The harsh logic is that both parties had little reason to resist a marriage of convenience.

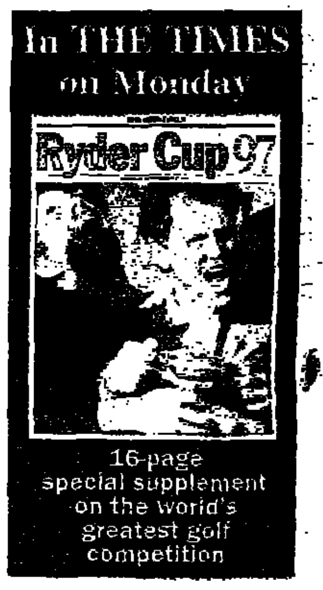
The strength of the latest sub-plot was reinforced last night when it became clear that Jordan had failed to exercise his right of appeal against a High Court judgment obliging him to return Giancarlo Fisichella, the promising Italian, to Benetton at the end of the season.

This meant that all the leading drivers had been accounted for in Formula One's annual game of musical chairs. Hill was left alone with the final seat still vacant. His asking price of £5 million was the only source of possible conflict.

Jordan need a driver of Hill's undoubted analytical ability. Had he taken his world title to the Silverstone-based team at the end of last season, as had seemed possible during negotiations between Eddie Jordan and Hill's advisers at East Midlands airport last autumn, it is unlikely that they would still be waiting for their first victory. In addition, Hill is likely to be a restraining influence on the younger Schumacher, who has had difficulty coming to terms with being overshadowed by Fisichella.

Hill's reputation, for sensitivity in handling a difficult car, is well founded. He is certainly held in high respect by the Arrows mechanics, who have valued his temperament and level-headed approach to the occasional absurdities of a largely uncompetitive season.

"I want to get a win before I leave, to finish off the job we nearly completed in Hungary," Hill said. "That would be my gift to the team for everything they have done for me this year. That might be a bit of a dream, but we still have four races left. I have enjoyed myself with Arrows and, on the whole, I am sorry to be leaving. We are parting on good terms."



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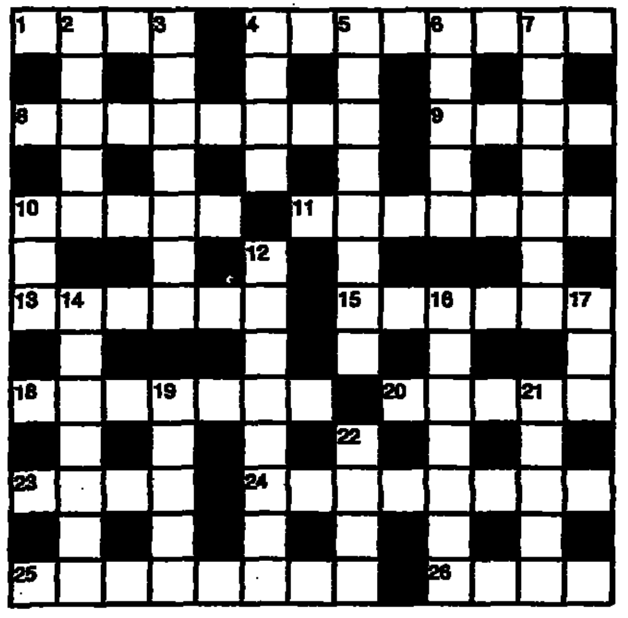

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- 25 Public computer link (8)
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- 6 Blood fluid (5)
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Wright let off with warning

By John Goodbody

IAN WRIGHT, the volatile Arsenal and England forward, was cleared by the Football Association of a misconduct charge yesterday and then claimed that justice had triumphed over the mass hysteria of the media.

Patrick Vieira, Wright's Arsenal team-mate, and Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, were also cleared by the FA of misconduct charges after an incident between the rival teams at the end of a 3-3 draw in the FA Carling Premiership at Filbert Street on August 27. However, Pat Rice, the assistant manager at Arsenal, was fined £500 for making "unseemly comments" to an official in the dressing-room after the game.

After a three-hour hearing, the FA warned all three players about their future conduct and ordered them to share the costs of the hearing.

Wright was particularly relieved that the ordeal was over. He had been fined £15,000 in July after separate incidents against Blackburn Rovers and Coventry City last season. The FA had then warned Wright that, if he appeared before them again in similar and proven circumstances, "the severest of penalties, removing him from the game for some considerable time, would be inevitable". This hinted at a 12-match ban on this occasion: a sentence then widely predicted in certain sections of the media.

The FA disciplinary commission investigated the case at Leicester after Graham Barber, the referee, had reported Wright, Vieira and Walsh for "adopting an aggressive attitude".

Wright said after the hearing: "I am just pleased that this is all over because there has been anguish and the FA had been put under pressure by the media. It must have been difficult for it to reach the right decision.

"It turned into mass hysteria in the media just after it happened, but I always knew I had not done anything. I knew I would get a fair hearing and I am just glad that the FA has been able to show it can come to the right decision no matter what people write about."

The referee told the three-man commission that there had been no violence in the confrontation. Barber said that, if it had occurred during the game, the players would have received yellow cards.

Wright: feared a ban

David Davies, the FA spokesman, said that security officers at Filbert Street had confirmed that no violence and "only banter" had occurred between the rival players. "Given the circumstances, the commission decided that, although there was a case to answer, all the players involved should be warned about their future conduct and should share the cost of the hearing," he said.

Davies added that it had been necessary to investigate the referee's report. "You have to hear it and act accordingly. That is what justice is all about. You test the case and there was one to answer." He emphasised that what the FA had told Wright in July "still stands".

The Leicester manager, Martin O'Neill, said: "When you have a personality such as Ian Wright involved, you know you are in for a long process but the term 'storm in a tea-cup', which has been bandied about still holds for me.

"The only thing is that all this might act as a good warning to players to get off the field as soon as possible after the matches."

Wright had run back on to the field after being substituted towards the end of the game. Arsène Wenger, his manager, had told him to go to applaud the travelling Arsenal supporters.

Wright admitted that he had then become caught up in a mêlée that developed when the Arsenal players surrounded the referee to ask why so much stoppage time had been added on at the end of a match in which Leicester had equalised seconds before the whistle blew.

West Ham United signed Ian Pearce, the Blackburn Rovers defender, yesterday in a deal which could be worth up to £2.3 million, depending on appearances. Pearce, 23, is a replacement for Marc Rieper, the Denmark international, who moved from Upton Park to Celtic for £1.4 million last week.

A former England Under-21 defender, Pearce made 57 Premiership starts for Blackburn, but has been left on the substitutes' bench this season.

Jackson to resume training

DARREN JACKSON, the Celtic striker, is due to resume light training on Monday. The medical authorities are pleased with the progress of the Scotland international after his operation two weeks ago to remove excess fluid from the brain.

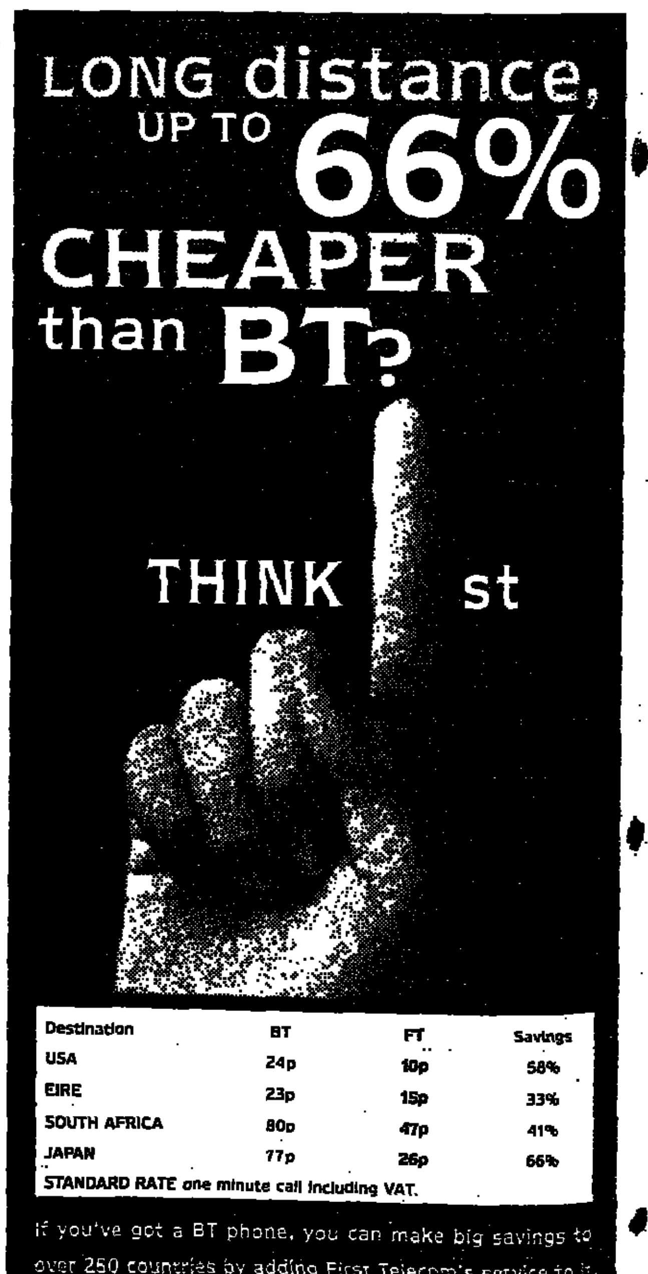
The Southern General Hospital in Glasgow houses the leading head injury unit in Scotland and Richard Morgan, a spokesman, said: "Darren has recovered extremely quickly after surgery. I know he had doubts and fears about the operation but we're all delighted he is ready to restart training.

"Some patients do recover quite soon after an operation of this kind and the fact that Darren is an athlete could well have helped speed up that process." It appears that if Jackson sustains his progress he could be ready to resume playing in the new year.

Jock Brown, the Celtic general manager, is delighted at the way the player has responded and said: "All the signs are positive and from our point of view it's brilliant he's ready to link up with the squad again."

Jackson yesterday faced the cameras and media for the first time since his illness was revealed after the Uefa Cup game against FC Tirol last month. He said he had been overwhelmed by messages of support from all over the country sent to him by football supporters and also people unconnected with the game.

"So many people have taken the time to write a letter or write a card, it has been marvellous," he said. "These letters and cards have been a big help to me."



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